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Profski returns !!

Well, Christmas has passed and the New year of 2008 is upon us. LeRoy, the red-neck reindeer had to drive Santa around in a pick-me-up truck to deliver toys to all the good little kids because there was no snow along the Gulf Coast to support the use of Santa's sleigh. LeRoy's rebel yell and Merry Christmas Y'all could be heard through out the starry Texas night.

Ol' Profski was asked to come out of retirement and make some of his all-seeing numismatic predictions for the upcoming year. The Ol' Prof was really hesitant to accept this challenge as he feared that age and health may have taken away some of his mystic powers. As Profski is quick to remind everyone, "Old age, ain't for sissy's" and "the only thing golden about them golden years is the product of the many trips to the bathroom that come more frequently with each passing year." Additionally, his address book which used to be filled with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of good friends and collectors, has now been taken over by totally with the names of doctors that he visits on a regular basis.

Finally convinced that he should once again share his god-given talents with the Gram audience. Profski walked out into the backyard and knelt down to look under the porch where the bowling ball that allowed him to see into the future was stored. That's when he got a real surprise. The bowling ball was there, but a mentally-challenged, cross-eyed armadillo had dug a hole under the porch trim and had set up housekeeping. The 'dillo was huddled up against the bowling ball which appeared that he had chosen as his mate. The Ol' Prof grabbed a long handled broom and after poking for a time was able to free the bowling ball from the predator. He however, noticed that the ball had numerous scratches on it from the sharp claws of the 'dillo.

The hermetically sealed mayonnaise jar where all the predictions from former years are stored was easier to liberate as it was nearer the edge of the porch. The Prof and I carried these items into the Kitchen before we went looking through closets for the St. Louis Cardinal Baseball Cap. More problems--- the cap was out in the garage and moths had gotten to it so that the top was almost totally eaten away. Ol' Profski said he could not make any predictions without the cap, so we went shopping at sports stores in the Austin area. We found Longhorn caps, Ranger caps, Astro caps, Spurs caps, Cowboy caps, Houston Texan caps, even Aggie caps, but NO Cardinal caps. Returning home chagrined, the Ol' Prof looked under the

bed and found a brand new Springfield Cardinal Baseball cap. "Close enough", he said, "A Cardinal is a Cardinal no matter where you find him.

The Prof and I sat down and reviewed some of his predictions that were in the h

ermetically sealed mayonnaise jar. The Ol' Prof said he felt that his predictions where at least as good as the local TV weatherman's forecasts for the week and vastly superior to Al Gore's global warming fantasy. That guy ought to talk about global warming to the folks in Oklahoma and Missouri after they endured several weeks of power outages due to snow, ice and freezing temperatures. Anyway, we were now ready for Ol' Profski to go to work. He remarked that the bowling ball was not glowing with the normal intensity and brilliance because of all the armadillo scratches and gouges and the new Cardinal cap was not as comfortable being a little smaller than the old one. He cautioned that he might not be able to accurately look as far into the future with the malfunctioning equipment as he had in the past, but he would give it his best shot. Here is what Profski sees for 2008.

1. At the January FUN show, an unbelievable SPECIMEN BOOK of Series 692, sheetlets of 4 of each denomination plus the same number of progressive proofs of each note will be auctioned. This SPECIMEN BOOK will make an appearance and be exhibited at FEST 9.

2. At least one other previously unknown unique World War II note will be unveiled at FEST 9.

3. The Fest Auction, known for quality material, will this year feature a well known MPC collection.

4. Although FEST 10 will not occur until 2009, there will be an unusual amount of activity during the rest of 2008, making it the premiere event of the first decade of the 21st Century. Make your reservations early as such a large attendance is expected that there will undoubtedly have to be collectors turned away.

5. The new edition of World War II Remembered will go to the printers at the end of this calendar year.

6. The new WWII Remembered will be a great help to the Standard Catalog of World Paper Money, upgrading values of World War II notes. The SCWPM still lists many WWII notes with the same value posted in the twelve year old WWII Remembered.

7. There will be an influx of new collectors over the year because of the number of nice notes they see offered on eBay and great information found in the Gram, Coin World's Paper Money Values, the Banknote Reporter, and society publications such as IBNS and SPMC. This naturally will drive prices up as an increased demand and the scarcity of rare nice notes can only continue. So get them while you can!!!!

8. One final set of POG's will be issued (11th printing) by AAFES before the BX/PX and government go to a paperless credit card system in the war zones.

9. The British after they pull out of Iraq this year will have another massive sale, similar to the BAFSV sale of 1991, by selling off all the remaining EFI pogs used in Iraq, including a never issued 3rd series.

10. Carlson Chambliss and R.A. Medina will come into the modern world by each purchasing a computer during this year.

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E WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR AND MAY YOUR COLLECTION GROW WITHOUT BOUNDS --thurski and profski

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EDITORIAL

The staff here at the Gram would like to echo Thurski and Profski and wish all a HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008.

It looks like Fest IX will have a lot of surprises and some interesting items to peruse. We wonder which "well know collection" of MPC will be offered at the Fest auction. Speaking of items offered, Gramsters are encouraged to take advantage of the Base Exchange and Wanted sections of the Gram. Any items on your want list or any items you may have for sale/trade can be listed at a very special rate (free !). Someone out in Gramland is almost sure to have what you need or may be in need of what you have. Send the info to the Gram and we do all the typing.

Information about Fest registration will be in tomorrow's Gram. - Roger

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Dear Gram,

I often ask the question: what items should be included in a military numismatics collection?

For sure, any type of money which is issued in response to, or in support of a war effort should be included. With that in mind, I think that United States Notes (our first green backs), which were issued for the first time in 1862 during the Civil War should be included. They were first issued as emergency money to meet the enormous expenses of the Civil War, and were issued in large amounts before the war was over.

What do you think?

David Klingner

Dear Editor,

Hello, hope you are doing well. Please put Sam Feeback , and Jim White down for attending the upcoming fest. We will arrive thursday so will

both have an extra night. We would like 2 single , non smoking rooms.  
Thanks  
Sam Feedback

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===== SPECIAL NOTICE:

> From Dan and Kathy Freeland, Scholarship Coordinators:

2008 Military Numismatists Scholarship Fund  
Supporting the Military Money Seminar at the  
2008 American Numismatic Association Summer Seminar  
June 28th thru July 4th, 2008 (Session II)  
On the Campus of the Colorado College  
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Purpose: The purpose of the Military Numismatists Scholarship Fund is to promote, strengthen and grow the military numismatics community by sponsoring individuals to participate in the Military Numismatics Seminar at the American Numismatic Association Summer Seminar. Specifically targeted are newcomers to the hobby, individuals with an established interest but new to the military numismatics community and advanced military numismatists who are expected to contribute to the content and overall success of the course.

Basic Course: It will emphasize World War II, plus all series of U.S. military payment certificates. Worldwide war-related emissions by all powers (Allied, Axis, and neutral) will be treated, including those for overrun areas and puppet governments, fighting forces, liberation governments, and post-war occupations. Paper money, bonds, coins, and medals will be covered. Conflicts since WWII will be covered lightly. The segment on MPCs will be about 30% of the course, and will cover all aspects of their production, use, and collection.

Advanced Course: For students who have completed the basic Military Numismatics Course (or have permission of the instructors) an advanced "graduate seminar" style class runs concurrently with the basic class. Advanced course students, in addition to independent study and sharing re-enactments with the basic course, will receive intensive instruction in short blocks including identifying and attributing notes and bonds that have no English on them. Students work independently on projects tailored to individual interests while still participating in the special "Fest" reenactments of the class.  
Your Instructors: Joseph E. Boling and C. Frederick Schwan, co-authors  
"World War II Remembered, history in your hands -- a numismatic study and  
"World War II Military Currency."

Eligibility: Anyone having a passion for military numismatics is welcome to apply for a scholarship. The selection committee will award scholarships based on information and responses to questions in the application. YNs are strongly encouraged to apply. Inquires and/or applications can be sent to [ksfdaf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ksfdaf@sbcglobal.net)  
Past scholarship recipients are welcome to apply again, but will automatically be considered advanced numismatists and will only be eligible for tuition reimbursement. Further, past recipients must clearly

justify why they should be considered for another scholarship. Preference will be given to basic course, first-time applicants. No one shall be awarded more than two scholarships from this program. Costs Covered: The award of a scholarship carries a maximum value of \$1000 (USD.) \$699 (you must register by March 31 or you will pay an additional \$50) covers tuition which includes the class, a room in Loomis Dormitory (double occupancy) for six nights (Saturday to Friday), all of your meals and free airport shuttles, picking up and returning Seminar students to the Colorado Springs Airport. The scholarship will also pay for airfare up to a maximum of \$301. Reimbursement for extraordinary travel expenses will be considered on a case by case basis (for example: those traveling from overseas) and will be subject to funding availability. Anyone awarded a scholarship will be required to join the ANA at individual expense if not already a member. A one-year membership is \$36 inside the U.S and \$48 outside of the U.S. Submitting an Application: To apply for a scholarship please submit the following information to Military Numismatists Scholarship, c/o Dan or Kathy Freeland, PO Box 195 , Mayville , MI 48744 , U.S.A. or ksfdaf@sbcglobal.net

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E-mail address Numismatic clubs which you participate in (include leadership positions held).

Significant numismatic exhibits (and awards.)

Significant numismatic articles (and awards.) Explain your interest in military numismatics.

What do you hope to gain from attending this seminar?

Describe contributions you can make to the success of the class.

The information you provide in your application is the ONLY information the reviewers will consider in awarding applications. Scholarships will not be awarded simply because funding is available. You must submit a quality application to be seriously considered. This is a highly competitive program. Applications will be judged by an impartial committee. All decisions of the committee will be final.

Recipients are requested to volunteer for service to future scholarship programs and are expected to write at least one report of the experience for publication in a numismatic journal. Award of a scholarship includes the likelihood of publishing your name and some general background information.

Please have applications in the hands of the Freelands by February 22, 2008. For applicants outside the US requiring invitations for visas, please coordinate your needs with the scholarship chairman early.

Making donations to the scholarship fund: Donations of numismatic items and cash are gladly accepted to support the scholarship. Items donated are typically auctioned at MPC Fest (February 29 thru March 2, 2008, Port Clinton, Ohio.) Monetary donations can be sent to:

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Harold' are available to Gramsters. These quarters are ideal give aways  
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unsorted or searched just the way that they came from the Grea  
t Lakes Mint. As a courtesy we will also send four Harolds for a dollar  
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Fest Next Month!

by Fred Schwan

MPCFest 9 is next month! It hardly seems possible that it has been a year since Fest 8, but even more impossible that it has been eight years since Fest 1! Of course it has not been quite that long since even though the Fest is next month, it is still nearly two months. Fest 9 will be February 29-March 2

There is a new registration system this year. Call the hotel to make your reservations. If you are an old Fester, um, er, make that returning Fester the hotel will likely have all of your information. When you call you of course must give your arrival and departure dates. The cost of Feb 29 and March 1 are included in your Fest registration, but you are encouraged to come on Feb 28 in order to take part in pre Fest activities on Thursday night and during the day on Friday (the bourse). You can (should) make special room and roommate requests when you call. The hotel will probably ask for your credit card information, but it will not be charged. You still pay the Fest for basically everything. The extra nights will be included in your Fest invoice.

Call the hotel at 419 732 7322. When you make your reservation at the hotel, please send the Gram an email so that we can list you on the Fest roster. You can send payments via snail mail to Fred Schwan, 132 E. Second Street, Port Clinton, OH 43452 or via PayPal using fredschwan@yahoo.com as the email address.



Basic Fest registration is only \$148 for double occupancy, \$198 for single occupancy. Here is where it gets tricky. Additional nights are \$42 single occupancy and \$21 double occupancy. It is frequently the case that Festers have double occupancy on Friday and Saturday night but single occupancy for additional nights. If you have any problems, you can write to the Gram or call me on my cell at 419 349 1872.

The Fest training schedule is in preparation. The first draft should be published in the Gram this week. If you have comments or ideas we will be happy to receive them at any time.

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EDITORIAL

Larry Gibbs poses an interesting question [see his letter below] about MPC used in Viet Nam. As a member of the so called Brown Water Navy [we cruised the picturesque Mekong River] in 1966 the only issue of MPC used in country was series 641. In fact, between September of 1966 and June of 1968 that was the only series; I never went through a C-day. The seller in question offers a one dollar series 611 note with the claim of use in Viet Nam. What he may be confused about is the fact that in 1966 series 611 was in use in Japan and I am aware of this fact because while en-route to my duty station (ship) I passed through Japan and was there for about four days. I recall only MPC in dollar and higher amounts being used as we used US coins for small change. Anyone out there care to comment further? - Roger

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Dear Gram

There is a fellow selling some 611 MPC on ebay right now who insists he used them in Vietnam in the Spring of 1966. He was in the brown water navy. Any possibility this could be. He insists this happened. Comments?? Larry Gibbs

Dear Gram,

What a delight to see the return of Ol' Profski and his alter-ego Thurski. It's been too long!

You are correct when you said "old age, ain't for sissy's" but I double-dog dare someone to call you a sissy and remain standing.

No sir, age and health has in no way dimmed your appeal as a writer. Here's to a happy, healthy and wondrous New Year to you and the others who enjoy the MPC Gram.

Michele Orzano, Edit

or

COIN WORLDS Paper Money Values

Dear Editor,

I refer to Nancy Greens question regarding a proposed MiniFest In Melbourne Australia during 2008.

Both Nik Sharplln and myself would welcome all readers of the Gram, Festers and ANA course participants, in fact anyone who can make the trip to Australia and has an interest in Military Numismatics.

There will be another Minifest at the ANDA Show Melbourne 12-14 September 2008

Orders will placed with the designers and printers as soon as possible for pay requirements.

By the way since moving house some boxes have been located by the paymaster and No 1 specimen set

of 2007 Australian MiniFest has been found and will be sent to the ANA for the YN auction to be held during the week of the Military Numismatics Course at the 2008 ANA Summer School. No doubt phone bids may be made with course participants or tutors.

Regards

Tony James

Dear Gram,

Regarding the predictions of the Profski, I must admit that I have had similar predictions while addressing my golf ball on the course in the last month. It has told me many things to expect for 2008, but has yet to tell me when I will stop 2-putting. One thing that is very strong, is that there will be a 11th & 12TH set of pogs in 2008. Ski probably would have felt this if he had a Arizona Cardinal hat on..... Also, Chambliss & Medina purchasing a Commodore 64 at a flea market does not necessarily bring them mainstream, Ski. I am also looking forward to acquiring the 692 set at FUN, & keeping it WHOLE, this should not be split up according to my ball.... I also predict that we may actually get Grams on a fairly regularly basis, well, I predict it can happen!

Happy New Year All,  
Steve 22 Swoish

Dear Esteemed Editor,

A recent issue of Linn's Stamp News has an item about the Military Postal History Society electing new officers and board members. This is a society which I think should be closely associated with the MPC Gram, Festers and related collectors. I have spoken with some of the members and officers at philatelic shows and they have produced publications and have knowledge which is VERY important to we who are numismatic-oriented. The society members collect mail related to domestic and international military activities, including POW mail, soldiers' and sailors' letters, patriotics, propaganda leaflets, occupation and internment covers, camp cancels and field post office markings.

Alfred F. Kugel is the president and is responsible for coordination of the society's conventions and publicity. I think he should be contacted and a link to his society put in the Gram. Their website is at [www.MilitaryPHS.org](http://www.MilitaryPHS.org) and via mail is to Ed Durbin, Box 586, Belleville, MI 48112.

Best regards, The Still Living Master Sergeant Daniel

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Series 9, No 1579 Saturday, January 5th, 2008

Ancient MPC (reprise from 2004 - re:what should be included in a military numismatics collection)  
by David Klinger

Since most articles related to Military Numismatics deal with military payment certificates and other recent (mostly paper) issues, I thought it would be appropriate to give some coverage to some older military related coinage. There is an antecedent to modern era military payment money. I found it in the coinage of the ancient Romans. Richard Alston, (University of London), has written widely on the life of the Roman Soldier. He wrote that it is "clear that the history of Roman coinage and military pay are very closely connected. The patterns of high minting of coins correlate neatly with the high levels of military activity and that it is clear that the army was the major item of expenditure in the Roman state budget." But, it is not always easy to determine for which audience particular coins were minted.

So now to the point, the Romans did mint coins specifically to meet the pay needs of their troops. Those coins can be properly called Military Payment Coins (MPC). Some who write about these coins call them military issues. Others don't differentiate them at all from general issues. But, some of these MPC were unique types, not otherwise minted for general circulation - so they can be separated from the overall population of coins minted for general circulation. Of course, after they were used as pay to the troops, they did enter circulation along with other coins. The

earliest example of a Military Payment Coin (MPC) I found, is a Denarius from the Roman Republic, which is a military issue, minted to pay Roman Legions in Spain, circa 82-81 BC.

There were many and varied issues of MPC during the Roman Republic and Empire. Even some new denominations were created because of the influence of military pay on Roman coinage. For example, when Julius Caesar changed the basis of payment for troops so that pay could be represented in gold coin, we immediately get the first significant mintings of gold coin, though the soldiers were still normally paid in the far more useful silver. It was also during Roman times when the first siege coins appeared:

"During the fourth year (69/70 CE) of the five year heroic revolt against the Romans (known as The Jewish War), the first siege coins ever minted were struck by Jewish resisters in Jerusalem. Only they and the Zealots of Masada, under ben Yair, remained to fight by the time these coins were minted." [Hendin, Guide to Biblical Coins, 3rd Ed., p. 165-179, 1996]. Most of the siege coins minted over the next two millennia were clearly Military Payment Coins (MPC). I'm sure all of you know about siege coins, so I won't say much more about them. Of course there was also siege paper money, which I seem to remember Gene Hessler wrote about some years back. On top of what I covered so far there is the obvious area of collecting coins with military related designs, something I have been doing for more than fifty years. It is thought that some of the Roman military coin designs such as those used by Hadrian were directed particularly towards the troops. [to maintain their loyalty?] I've just tried to point out here that the entire world of Military Numismatics should include more coverage in the area of coinage, especially Military Payment Coins (MPC). Who knows, maybe someone may write a book on MPC.

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#### EDITORIAL

In a previous letter, Dave asked if the original US greenbacks which were issued during the civil war should be considered military money. In his column above he points out that certain coins were issued as a result of conflicts. I believe he makes valid points. For the most part we concentrate on the financial instruments of World War II, but certainly all of the conflicts the United States has been involved with since the Revolutionary War involved the issuance of some type of "money". I, for one, collect Viet Nam issues related to the time of US involvement; Dr. Bill (and others) collect POGS. I'll bet there are others of you out there who collect/have financial instruments related to other war/conflicts. If so, we would love to hear about them. - Roger

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Dear Gram,

Below is an item about an entire WWII museum being put on the auction block in Europe! Maybe this should go into the Gram but also someone needs to contact the auction house about any numismatic pieces?  
Howard

#### Entire Museum Up For Grabs

The German auction house, Hermann Historica, recently announced that it will be selling the entire contents of a famous European military museum. The museum houses an almost unique collection on the British, French, German and U.S. armed forces, comprising armaments, fully uniformed mannequins, artifacts and vehicles, ranging from "The German Bicycle" to a tank from the 2nd Armored Tank Division.  
[A Google search of "Hermann Historica" reveals a number of sites and links to their current auctions and listings on Ebay - Roger]

ATTN: battalion clerk

Al Glaser has made his reservation for FEST 9. He will be arriving Wed. 27th

and is available to help with whatever battalion feels he is capable of handling with his limited/diminished skills.

Dear Gram

Reference Larry Gibbs' question concerning Series 611 being used in Vietnam in Spring 1966. The MPC catalog indicates Series 641 was introduced into Vietnam in August 1965. The issue of Pacific Stars and Stripes that discusses the introduction of MPC in Vietnam also indicates Series 641 was the first issue used in Vietnam.

I believe the seller of the Series 611 note is simply mistaken. When I attended the Medal of Honor Society convention in September many of the attendees recalled using scrip but only a handful actually recognized the notes that circulated while they were in country. If I had to choose between someone's memory and these other sources, I would not have much confidence in memory.

I do not see this identified in the MPC catalog but fractional notes ceased being used in Japan in September 1962 when the Series 611 fractionals were recalled.

Jim Downey

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Series 9, No 1580 Monday, January 57th, 2008

Ration Items,  
by Jim Downey

World War II ration items present a wide range of collectible items from coupons to checks to tokens. One of the most common items available from the US rationing system are red and blue fiber tokens. These tokens were produced for the Office of Price Administration and were worth one ration point each. They were used to make change for ration stamps that had a greater value. Red tokens were used for meat, fats, fish and cheese. Blue tokens were used for processed foods. Unlike ration stamps which had an expiration date, ration tokens did not expire. The tokens have a two letter code stamped on them.

World War II Remembered draws on information in the book U.S. Ration Currency and Tokens 1942-1945 (published by the Society of Ration Token Collectors) which reports that OPA tokens were sold to Greece and unspecified Asian countries at the end of the war. A small column in the November 24, 1944 edition of the New York Times adds a little bit more information concerning the use of these tokens overseas.

The article states that the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) shipped over one million blue OPA tokens to refugee camps in Southern Italy and the Middle east where they were used as a medium of exchange in UNRRA run refugee camps. It specifically mentions the tokens being used in camps housing Yugoslavs. The Yugoslav camps were identified as being run by self-governing committees. Clothing and agricultural implements were manufactured in the camps which the refugees were permitted to take with them upon repatriation.



The article also contains an interesting tidbit about commerce in the camps. It indicates that Yugoslavs in the camps refused to accept any form of monetary payment for their work because members of the Yugoslav partisans received no pay. The refugees established a barter system in the camp. It gave the example of brick workers who were paid in tobacco. The refugees found a strict barter system to be too difficult to manage and used the OPA tokens as the medium of exchange in this system. The article ends by indicating that the first 1,000,000 tokens were then in transit to the European Theater.

The information does not indicate the letter codes of the tokens that were used. Hopefully there is a file lying somewhere in the National Archives or some other repository that contains some documentation indicating what letter combinations may have been used in these camps. On a side note, I recommend that anyone interested in World War II numismatics join the SRTC. The Society covers all aspects of world wide rationing and not just tokens. Dues are only \$10.00. The book mentioned earlier is available on CD-Rom from the Society for \$12.00 for US Members and \$14.00 for non-US members. It is available to non-members for \$22.00 which includes a one-year membership. Interested parties should contact Don Kolkman at [dkolkman@aol.com](mailto:dkolkman@aol.com) for membership information. [I am a member of the SRTC and recommend it highly - Roger]

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#### EDITORIAL

Wow. I am writing this from the Heritage auction viewing room in Orlando. I made a point to be here on the first day so that I could really study the Series 692 specimen book that everyone is talking about. Of course it was a thrill just to hold it. I took quite a few research notes that I will have to digest a bit before turning them into an article and/or information for the new (5th edition) MPC book. Let it suffice to say that the book and every single piece are things of beauty. I feel compelled to make one small comment about the cataloging. As you probably know, I mostly stay away from grading discussions, and I certainly do not like to criticize others who are out there promoting the hobby. I certainly have made many (waaaaay toooooo many) errors to criticize others, but there is one error in the catalog that I feel compelled to report since I am here and other potential bidders may not be able to. The catalog description says that every page is perfect as made and in Gem Uncirculated (capitalization that of the auction company). When I read that at home I chuckled a little because I was of the opinion that basically that is how specimen books come and what the heck difference does it make anyway? Well, after looking at the book and thinking about it in relation to the way that the market is, I think that it could make a difference to some people and that description is simply incorrect (or at least insufficient). The booklet as originally sent from the bureau was closed with staples. Therefore, the large size notes (\$5s and \$10) have staple holes on the right edges. The holes are not really bad and it probably does not mean a lot, but it certainly is worth noting on an item that the catalogers estimate will go for more than \$100,000.

I just spoke with Roger. We plan on being at the auction on Thursday and plan on sending out a Gram promptly after the auction ends. We could also try a new system of sending out a text message alert with the price realized. If you would like such a notice, please send your number to the Gram. We will do our best to gather them all and send them as a news flash. We will also try to keep the numbers so that we can send notices in the future of any breaking news.

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Dear Gram,

Alas, the Fest is right in the middle of my Ironman training this year, so I won't be able to make it. But I'll be thinking of everyone on 13 Apr when I attempt to do 2.4 miles swimming, 112 miles biking, and 26.2 miles running in 17 hours.

Cheers, Sparky

Dear Sparky,

We expect progress reports and notification when you win - good luck - Roger

Dear Gram,

Kathy & I will be attending the Fest.

Dan & Kathy Freeland

Dear Editor,

Be advised that Rob Stevenson and I, with camp followers (spouses) will close on Camp May on 28 February in time for the annual banquet. We have made reservations and will be prepared for emergency deployment by bringing our shelter halves (As a squid, Rob probably doesn't know how to take care of himself in the field so I will have to carry his ruck).

Warner

Dear Warner,

I am sure it takes a great deal of technical acumen and skill to crunch gravel, but it also takes skill and extensive knowledge to know all those different flag colors, to send Morse code and to do all those sailor things we squids need to do. Some of us even know how to drive submarines, right Capt. Dave? - Roger

Dear Gram,

AAFES has released a 2008 Patriot Family Calendar. This may be of interest to some Gramsters because it features the photos from the AAFES Patriot POG Gift Certificate Photo Contest for the 9th printing POGs.

Each month of the calendar features one of the photos that was used for the POGs, the cover features the 12 POGs and the back gives the history of the Patriot Family POGs as well the history of POGs. The pictures are

JAN-9K51, FEB-9J101, MAR-9M51, APR-9M101, MAY-9J51, JUN-9L251, JUL-9J251, AUG-9K101, SEP-9L101, OCT-9K251, NOV-9L51, DEC-9M251. The calendar sells for \$4.95.

Bill Myers [Bill - can you provide purchasing info? - Roger]

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Series 9, No 1581 Tuesday, January 8th, 2008

New Variety found,

by Guy Araby

I have found a new variety, and or security device on a series #472 \$10 MPC . Purchased a Gem CU eBay # 190177071752. The note is Superb quality. Embossing is clearly visible in "serial number, position number" etc. This series is known by me, to also include "Hi-bright Paper". But not this note, this is on regular paper. While examining the note under BLACK-LIGHT large 20" tube, the right lower corner face \$(10) numerals appear FULL BLACK, but not the dollar sign (\$)! This is "not" due to added ink or funny business, The normal color under black-light is RED for serial numbers and other black ink areas, the paper appears a nice "lavender color", normal. The other security devices such as YELLOW appear boldly, etc. I wrote Gram articles a year or so ago about these. I have NEVER seen this befor

e. I will gladly show this new variety to interested Gramster's at the California , Long Beach Expo coming soon. Page, Guy Araby. This really is something new! I have 950++ notes I view under all lights and study these security devices. One day I hope to document them all. I own both printings of #472 and this is unlike the other versions. Again, the area is ONLY visible under a black-light. This is also a good way to spot bleached and doctored notes! Not to mention a world of interesting features NOT visible under incandescent light. Serial number is C08360461C position # 46. Anyone else have a match???

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#### EDITORIAL

As the Fest Postmaster, Howard's and Warner's mention of AMG stamps piqued my interest. I collect these and look forward to seeing Warner's examples at the Fest. There will also be some French issues available in the auction. As expected AMG stamps were issued in various areas as of occupied Italy, in France, Germany and Austria. In addition to the Allies issuing occupation stamps, the Japanese also had special issues for occupied countries. The Philippines, Malaya and Burma are three examples. Dr. Harry W. Wilcke authored a detailed study of AMG postage in his 1994 book The AMG Story (The United States Philatelic Society, , Columbus, OH - Library of Congress Catalog Card Number 94-60540). Remembered mentions some examples of Allied Military Government postage. Perhaps there should be an addendum or companion text for the philatelic aspects of World War II. - Roger

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===== I Dear Gram,

I heard from Tom Smith (tomsue@zoomnet.net) from the SRTC and the dues is \$8 per year. The CD is \$12. I have joined & ordered the CD. Bill Myers

Dear

Steamed (and Pressed) Editor:

I concur with the recently resurrected Master Sergeant regarding AMG (Allied Military Government) postage stamps. I have recently discovered them and find them closely related to, and just as interesting, as AMC. AMG stamps were occupation stamps jointly issued by the United States and Great Britain for civilian use in areas under Allied military occupation. I recently bought some and will bring them to FEST.

Warner

Dear Gram,

Just a word to tell you I will be attending Fest this year, sharing a room with Jim Downey. Bob Olson is coming too- I know for sure because we are coming in his car! Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Neil S.

Dear Gram,

I have made my hotel reservations for the Fest and putting my check into snail-mail to you today. I dont know if Dave Hunsicker has notified you that he is attending, but we are carpooling and sharing the room. Just a heads up I told Ski that Im bringing some items for the auction with any proceeds going to the scholarship fund. Im sure youll be bidding HIGH on at least 3 of the items.  
John Watta

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Series 9, No 1582 Friday, January 11th, 2008

FUN SHOW - FLASH REPORT

As reported in previous Grams, the Heritage paper

money auction featured a specimen book of 692 progressive proofs along with additional MPC lots. The auction session began about 7 PM, but the MPC lots were not expected to be offered until much later in the night. Not wanting to take any chance at all of missing the featured lot, our intrepid editor and others, myself included, arrived outside the auction room at 6 PM. In fact our editor remarked that he was so concerned that he would be late that he arrived in Orlando in November! We waited through lots of obsolete notes and speculated on who might have consigned the 692 lot and how it was obtained and on how much over the reserve price of \$100,000 the progressive proof lot would bring. We also discussed the possibility that the lot might not sell. There were thirteen lots of MPC notes to be auctioned before the biggie and at 1:20 AM the lot opened with a minimum bid of \$97,500. There were seventeen potential bidders in the room at that later hour and when the auctioneer call the bid of \$100,000 there was initial silence. Could it be the lot would not sell? The auctioneer said "SOLD for \$100,000 to bidder 408."

One bid, one lot awarded. After seven hours of waiting the sale of the century took all of fifteen seconds. After the congratulations, I approached bidder 408 and convinced him to donate his auction card for the Fest auction. You can see the card, and, oh yeah, the 692 progressive proofs in February at the Fest.

I will report further on the 2008 FUN show and the other MPC lots in the auction in the next Gram - Roger

We wanted to get a report out last night (this morning), but it was just not possible. Well, it was not in the budget. The convention center charges \$25 per day for WI-FI access. We compared that with our monthly subscription revenue. That just did not work. We are sorry about that. Roger has done a great job here working as Assistant Editor and bourse assistant. He has been sworn to secrecy on trade secrets. It will take a double water-boarding session to break him I think.

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FUN Show Report,  
by Roger Urce

Getting out the Gram while at the FUN show was a bit of a challenge, but we did our best and apologize for those who got their issue a little late. I enjoyed the show. Coin dealers had most of the bourse tables as is usual at this show, but the paper money dealers present offered a variety of notes and MPC. For myself I was able to find an over-stamped 5 peso JIM note. No big find you say, but I have searched for this note for a while and this one had the round JAPWANCAP stamp that had a lot of detail. I also found a modern (1977) "Grim Memories" over-stamp on a \$10 Malayan JIM, a 10 Punkte ration note from Latvia, a one Franc local emergency issue from Mulhouse (SB 311 - page 104) and a 5PF labor camp note from Diedenhofen (SB 2191 - page 499)

There were two educational presentations: Bill Myers gave a very informative and detailed lecture on POGS which traced the history of the issue back before its use in Iraq. (Can anyone not at the presentation - and probably Doug Bell and Steve Swoish - explain how the term POGS came to be and what the letters stand for?). There are currently ten issues of POGS and possibly another issue to come, although electronic transactions may replace all currency transactions in the future. The second seminar was presented by Jerry Kochel who reported on the use of AMC during the surrender of Okinawa and showed examples of notes brought back by his father who was there at the time.

There was one military related exhibit which was a well presented display of all denominations of genuine and counterfeit Philippine JIM.

There was a mini-fest on Saturday - See Bill Myers report below.

As promised below are the results of the Heritage auction relating to MPC and WW 2 issues:

BEP portrait and Vignette Souvenir Cards 213 vignettes - \$2000,  
Series 641 10 cent replacement VF - \$165  
Series 691 \$1 - Gem New - \$200  
Series 691 \$1 PMG Gem Unc - Did not sell  
Series 691 \$1 - four examples new - \$425  
Series 691 \$5 Gem Unc - \$1100  
Series 691 \$5 Gem New (s/n 4) - Did not sell  
[Where was Gary Hicks for this one?]  
Series 691 \$10 PMG Gem - \$1100  
Series 691 \$10 Gem New - \$900  
Series 691 \$20 Gem - \$240  
Series 691 \$20 PMG Gem 65 - \$600  
Series 691 \$20 Gem New s/n 4 - \$1000 Series 691 \$20 four consecutive notes New - \$875  
Series 701 \$1 PMG Superb Gem 67 - \$1700  
Series 701 \$5 PMG Gem - \$1700  
Series 701 \$10 PMG Superb Gem - \$2200

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A MPC Mini-Fest was held at the Orange County  
Convention Center in Orlando on 12JAN08 at the FUN  
show. There were 12 participants. Introductions were  
done as well as show and tell. Neil Shafer had a short  
snorter that was assembled vertically instead of  
transverse. Joe Boling presented three Azad Hind bonds  
as well as other Free India bonds. Roger Urce had a  
Malaya 10 dollars with the later variety of the VJ  
Grim Memories overprint (details are in the book).  
Fred Schwan presented the oldest fest challenge coin  
known to this date. It was a Masonic Penny dated 1914  
from Port Clinton, OH. Bill Myers showed a fantasy  
German serviceman's club token from the Island of  
Jersey . Bob Jaques is new to military collecting and  
showed a Curacao 1943/41-P 25 cents. Also in  
attendance were George Fitzgerald, Jeff Smith, Fred  
Lyon, Jack Lippincott, and Isabella Proksch. There was  
no pay call as the truck with the MFC was destroyed in  
the 70 car collision on I-4.  
Bill Myers

Dear Gram,  
For those not in attendance, you could have listened  
to the auction as well on Heritages site. I pulled up  
the auction at 1800 Pacific and saw where they were  
at. I rechecked on the hour or so throughout the  
night while helping my son with a report on the Ute  
Indians (who have a connection to Series 692 hence why  
I guided him to do that tribe). I finally heard the  
lot sell at around 1030 Pacific, which if I'm not  
mistaken is like around 0130 Eastern? My apologies  
for not using the more sensible Zulu time as a  
reference, I'm not sure if I'm +8 or +9 right now.  
Cheers,  
Sparky

Dear Gram,  
I was actually the first one to bid on the MPC lot of

progressive proofs. My bid of 76,000 was put in before the reserve price was posted on the Internet. I think it was the following day that a reserve of 97,500 was posted for the lot, so I was, in effect, outbid, even though there were no other Internet bids at the time. I thought you would be interested in knowing that I learned of the lot only through the MPC gram, so the subscription is certainly worth the price. Oh well, back to buying and selling gold and silver. Crazy market! Have a good time at FUN; I couldn't make it this year but I'll see you all at Fest 9.  
William E. Yanchick

Dear Gram,  
I am traveling in England at present after 10 days in Greece. While at the University of Warwick my colleague was binding exam papers together with a "treasury tab." This is a clasp with two metal pins and a tube of flexible material that connected them. Were these used to clasp the old "Black and White" notes? A brief search on the net didn't reveal an answer. I return 12 January and will then call and make my reservation for the fest--Two-time poker chap Ray and I will be there. Feel free to send me educational programming from now.

Dear Gram As far as the AAFES Calendar my wife saw a box of them at the service desk. I looked at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) and could not find it but that does not mean it is not there. If anyone is interested I can go to the PX (after FUN) and buy some and mail them or bring them to the MPC fest. I bought a few and can bring them to FUN if I know by Tue as I leave very early on Wed for Orlando. Bill Myers  
[This was received while I was at the FUN show. While there I spoke to Bill and he advised he can bring calendars to the Fest for anyone who wishes them.  
Email Bill directly at [wjmhands@pol.net](mailto:wjmhands@pol.net) with your request. Calendars are \$5.00 each FRN - Roger]

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Submitted by Steve Feller (from Athens):  
Holocaust currency a silent witness to Jewish suffering

By Ronna A. Novello, Special Sections Editor  
Ghettos, concentration camps, Nazi guards. The words conjure up all sorts of Holocaust images. However, paper bills and coins aren't among them. Yet, some form of monetary exchange was a part of life, even in the darkest of times. Through December 27, the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland is displaying a special exhibit, Questionable Issue: Currency of the Holocaust, at its Learning Center and Money Museum. The exhibit is presented with the support of the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. Once they were deported to the ghettos or concentration camps, Holocaust victims were issued scrip (pieces of essentially useless pieces of paper) by the Nazis in exchange for their confiscated valuable currency. Each ghetto and camp had its own distinct scrip and coins, often with hundreds of different issues. Compared with the more pressing issues of life and death during the Holocaust, the existence of scrip didn't seem to matter much to historians. Until now. Steve Feller, a physics professor at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, wrote the catalog for the exhibit and co-authored, with his daughter Ray, the book Silent Witnesses: Civilian Camp Money of World War II. Feller was a graduate student at Brown University in the 70s when he went to a coin show that changed his life. A collector since he was a kid, he stopped at a dealer's table displaying money used at the Theresienstadt (Terezin) concentration camp. He bought



a set of seven notes for \$10. A week later, at a coin shop in Providence, R.I., he learned even more about this little-known aspect of concentration camp and ghetto life.

It represents what happened from a different viewpoint, explains the mustachioed, silver-haired Brooklyn, N.Y. native. Feller spoke with the CJN while in town for the exhibits opening. You can talk about the camps and six million murdered, but when we see the money they had, it becomes personal. They speak through that money; they used it everyday.

The idea for camp scrip developed early in the Third Reich. In 1933, political prisoners at Oranienberg, a camp near Berlin, were allowed to receive money from relatives. They were escorted into town to buy things they needed, then taken back to camp. Realizing they were losing money with this arrangement, the Nazis created a camp canteen, with prisoners forced to exchange the circulating currency of Germany for scrip from the camp. The money they gave the prisoners was virtually worthless, since there was nothing backing it up, Feller explains.

As the Reich's tentacles spread across Europe, ghettos were established, and the use of scrip burgeoned. Warsaw, Krakow, Lodz, they all had ration coupons and scrip money, Feller notes. The scrip was designed by ghetto residents and printed or minted there.

In the Warsaw Ghetto,, where 500,000 people, mainly Jews, were imprisoned, a secret underground currency developed, separate from the Nazi occupation currency used in daily transactions. Hand-drawn designs in the secret currency relied heavily on symbolism. Strong Zionist feelings influenced the designs, thought to be printed from linoleum plates.

When the Nazis used a Star of David on their official currency and armbands for the Jews, their objective was to humiliate and dehumanize their victims. But in the underground, those symbols were a badge of pride, explains Feller. On the 50 groszny-note in the Warsaw Ghetto underground, for example, 18 Stars of David stand defiantly on one side of a barbed wire fence. On the other side, facing the stars is a flame, enveloping the hated SS symbol.

These secret currencies, created and used only by the underground, could express the true feelings of the artist, since the designs didn't face Nazi scrutiny. Official ghetto and camp scrip distributed to the Jews by the Nazis was governed by different rules. The Nazis applied stringent guidelines to the designs for these currencies.

In Theresienstadt, official scrip notes were designed by Jewish inmate Petr Kien. The notes featured a portrait of Moses holding the Ten Commandments. Although the camp commandant approved the initial

design, his superior, the infamous Reinhard Heydrich deemed the image too normal. The image was revised to make the hair curlier, the nose more hooked, and the fingers gnarled and twisted, explains Feller. The grotesque visage was more in line with the Nazi image of the Jews.

In 1943, the camps had official scrip issues from Berlin, and regulations still exist about what they were used for, Feller continues. Premium notes were given as rewards for work, as incentives. They were not designed as a circulating currency. In some cases, they were given as payment for slave labor and could be bartered for food or other items.

Evidence of the scrip is found in numerous writings. In *Silent Witnesses*, Feller quotes a passage from Auschwitz survivor Viktor Frankl, a psychiatrist and author of *Man's Search for Meaning*.

"Just before Christmas, 1944, I was presented with a gift of so-called gift premiums issued by the construction firm, to which we were practically sold as slaves. The firm paid the camp authorities a fixed price per day per prisoner. The coupons cost the firm 50 pfennigs each and could be exchanged for six cigarettes, although they often lost their validity. I became the proud owner of 12 cigarettes. But more important, the cigarettes could be traded for 12 soups, and 12 soups were often a very real respite from starvation.

In concentration camps, scrip was used only intermittently, and examples of those notes are rarer than those from the ghetto. Following a speech on the exhibit to Federal Reserve employees, Feller heard a surprising story from one woman. She told me she got chills when she saw the Auschwitz money, he recalls in a subdued tone. Her childhood neighbor was a survivor, and she said as a child, she (and the neighbor's child) had played with that money. The neighbor had about 40 notes, which today would be a substantial amount of the known notes still existing from Auschwitz. Amazing.

to be continued.....

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#### EDITORIAL

[This editorial was supposed to run in Monday's *Gram* but was erroneously not made part of it - The fault was mine, not Fred's - Roger] I had a great time at FUN. The fun FUN covered just

about every aspect: social, research, and even business. There was one disappointment. Actually, it was not so much of a disappointment since it was to my disadvantage. Here it is. Overall the community failed the challenge coin test. Off hand here is a list of failed challenges (in approximate order): Bob

Campbell, Ray and Pia Bows (more below), Max Speigel, Don and Mrs. Kagin. I should be collecting drinks for quite a while.

Here is a future quiz question. What is the earliest dated Port Clinton challenge coin? Are you thinking 2000, 2001? Well the first Fest challenge coins were 2001 (the first Fest in 2000 did not have any challenge coins). The answer is 1914!

A few days after Ray Bows failed to meet the challenge he came by the table and handed me a flip with a fabricated metal disc. He said: Fred here is something that I have been carrying around for you for a long time. I do not know if you will be interested or not.

I was astonished to see that the flip held a Masonic token for the lodge in Port Clinton and the token is dated 1914!! I braced myself and flipped the holder open to see the asking price. I was much relieved to see it marked at \$25 so I said:

Well, Ray, you know that I do not normally do much with coins and coin like items. I really like paper items, but heck, I will help you out so that you do not have to carry this heavy thing around.

Then I gave him \$25. Ray seemed a little surprised and asked if that was OK (meaning the price). I said that it was, but we went through the question and answer routine a few times. Is that OK? Yes. Is that OK, Yes. etc. He was obviously surprised that I did not ask for or otherwise try for a discount.

Finally, I said, OK Ray, give me back the \$5 and he did. Then I gave him a \$10 bill. Then Ray really looked bewildered and asked again if it was OK and I said yes, Finally, Ray got the idea that I really liked the token and he said, OK!

Partially, I was having a little fun with Ray, but I have done this before and it demonstrates a collecting principle that I like to use: Reinforce the appropriate behavior! Ray had seen an interesting item, purchased it and kept it for me. Thank you Ray! I was not certain about the use of the token so I asked medal expert Paul Cunningham after asking several others who had no idea. Paul told me that the tokens were essentially challenge coins although he did not use the term.

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Roger

Try a tougher question! Pogs was a game originating

in Hawaii in the 1920s. The word "pog" refers to the bottle caps used to play the game. The caps came from a juice made from passionfruit, oranges and guava (P-O-G). I have heard the game made a comeback in the 1990s, but cannot verify that.

Warner  
[Warner is correct]

Dear Gram,  
I'm Daniel Kruckenberg and I collect MPC script. I was in the Army for 15 years and really never thought about mpc until about 2000. I'd like to be added to your newsletter please.

Daniel Kruckenberg  
daniel@srt.com

Dear Gram,  
We currently have the following as table holders for the Friday Bourse:  
Keith Bauman Al Glaser Heritage Auctions of Dallas Harold Kroll Ian Marshall Dave Seelye Bill Yanchick  
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> From Steve Feller, part two:

The connection between scrip and the Jews reaches far beyond the ghettos and concentration camps, Feller relates in his rapid-fire delivery. When England entered the war, all citizens with German passports were rounded up and placed in detention camps. Most of these were Jews. They were taken to the Isle of Man, Canada, India or Australia. Those on the Isle of Man were later shipped to Australia in terrible conditions.

Notes from Camp Hay in Australia have barbed wire scrolling around the edges that hides the words of a camp song, We are here because we are here. In another note, a sheep on one side has the name of the camp leader, Eppenstein, written in its wool. On the reverse side are more sheep, with other inmates names inscribed. (Jews led like sheep to the slaughter?) After the war, the Jews who survived were sent to displaced persons (DP) camps, awaiting an uncertain fate. Most wanted to go to Palestine, Canada or the U.S. Hardly any country would take them.

The British had slammed the door to Palestine, so people were sent to Cyprus, Feller explains. There is actual money from the Cyprus camps. Designed by camp inmates, the first issue said the notes were good for use in the canteens or for redemption in Jerusalem. The British made them remove the Jerusalem reference from the note.

Fred Schwan, the publisher of Silent Witnesses, was also a guest at the exhibit opening. He says theres a simple explanation for scrip and coin taking a back seat in historical studies. Money is so natural, its invisible to almost everybody, he says. Even survivors who used it dont remember it. Its not in their memoirs. But people who are interested in money will read thousand-page books just for one line about this invisible item.

Its a small sub story to the Holocaust as a whole, maintains Feller, but it has personal significance to him. His book is dedicated to Nana Pearl, Fellers grandmother. She came to the U.S. in the early 1900s, leaving behind virtually all of her family in Poland. When the Nazis invaded Poland, the entire family was swept into the Lodz ghetto and eventually perished. I had an enormous curiosity about the Lodz ghetto, Feller admits. This one ghetto had hundreds of different kinds of money that nobody really knew about. I realized this was a story that had to be told.

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If you do not have a copy of Silent Witness by Ray and Steve Feller, you are missing out. The book's one-hundred-sixty plus pages contain not only color photographs of all different types of camp currency, but photos depicting the actual use of the currency and the conditions of the time. A wealth of knowledge is presented on the camps and the history of the era. For information on ordering your own copy, contact the Gram or BNR Press at 132 East Second Street, Port Clinton, OH 43452. I recommend the book highly. In addition, both Ray and Steve Feller will be at Fest IX and available to sign individual copies.

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Dear Gram

I was in-country 1965-66. I remember using Series 641 fractionals. I also specifically remember NOT carrying any coins. I remember learning to keep my wallet wrapped in a plastic baggie to keep the moisture out. I carried my wallet, my boy scout knife, and a handkerchief and nothing else in my pockets. Anything else I needed was hung on my web gear.

Warner

Dear Gram,

I noted some errors in Roger's report of prices realized for the FUN military-related lots, so I went back to my own catalog (and the Heritage web site), and found the following (add 15% buyer's fee to all prices):

BEP portrait and vignette souvenir cards book, 213 vignettes - \$2000

Series 461 [not 641] 10 cent replacement VF - \$165

Series 691 \$1 - superb Gem New - \$200

Series 691 \$1 PMG Gem Unc 66 - Did not sell [still available for \$575, buyer's fee included]

Series 691 \$1 - four examples new - \$425

Series 691 \$5 Gem Unc 66 EPQ - \$1100

Series 691 \$5 Gem New (s/n 4) - Did not sell [still available for \$1725, buyer's fee included]



Series 691 \$10 PMG Gem 65 EPQ - \$1000 [not \$1100]  
Series 691 \$10 Gem New - \$900  
Series 691 \$20 Gem 65 EPQ - \$240  
Series 691 \$20 PMG Gem 65 EPQ - \$600 [THIS WAS AN UN  
CATALOGED REPLACEMENT!]  
Series 691 \$20 Gem New s/n 4 - \$1000 Series 691 \$20 four consecutive  
notes New - \$875  
Series 701 \$1 PMG Superb Gem 67 EPQ - \$1700  
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Series 701 \$10 PMG Superb Gem 67 EPQ - \$2200  
[Series 701 \$20 PMG Gen 65 EPQ - \$1150]  
Ethiopia - 5 specimens - \$1 through \$100 [P12-16] -  
Gem Crisp punched canceled - \$1100  
Japan 200 Yen Pick 43Aa [not P43a] - VF/EF - \$950  
Japan AMC A-Yen - three notes 10, 20 and 100 Yen -  
Crisp Unc or better - \$1100 [not \$100]  
Joe

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to you as I am concerned for those Festers of years past who have not yet called and made their room reservations for this years Fest. It has been my honor and my pleasure talking to each and everyone of you who has called and made reservations with me. Now those of you who have not made reservations, will have kitchen duty for two meal times. Bill, will get a list& when he does, this means I get the whole weekend off. As you can tell I am excited. Please, everyone call and make your room reservations. You can even e-mail them to me. I will include a list of all the information I will need: Date of Arrival - Date of Check Out and, if you are sharing a room , name of that person. Last day to make reservations for the MPC FEST is February 10, 2008. Any guest service representative can take your reservation, just have that information available for them. Here is my e-mail address kim@rutahotels.com. I look forward to seeing each and everyone of you. Take care and God Bless. Kim

Dear Gram,

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Anyone who received pay from the 2007 Summer Seminar please contact me at 760-533-0370 or thepapertrader@verizon.net I am trying to update the MFC book and do not have any scans of any notes. Your help would be much appreciated.  
Thanks, Al Glaser.

Dear Editor

I'm in for the FEST, talked with Kim at HI Express PC yesterday. Also Seeleye and I'll have a bourse table.

Unfortunately Isabella can not attend this year (too cold in PC). Hope you all made it home OK after FUN; see you in about 6 weeks  
Jack Lippincott

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#### EDITORIAL

The Fest is only 35 days away, so if you have not made  
your reservations now is the time. There is a new  
list of registered Festeras below along with a list of  
dealers who have tables for the Friday bourse.

For you football fans, an opportunity presented itself  
to travel to Green Bay, Wisconsin to see the NFL  
championship game between the local Green Bay Packers  
and the underdog New York Giants. Despite the nip in  
the air we found the people of Green Bay to be quite  
friendly and hospitable despite the fact that I was  
wearing a blue colored jersey. No one was familiar  
with MPC or MFC (only FRNs accepted for food and  
libations) but the welcome spirit was there. It was  
almost like being at the Fest. My compliments to the  
Green Bay folks who were very gracious in spite of the  
fact that their beloved Packers didn't win. We had a  
great time - Roger

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Mail Call: send mail to MPCGram@yahoo.com)

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Dear Gram,  
If anyone is interested, the Summer Seminar catalog has been posted. The WWII class is in Session II from 28 Jun to 4 July; Joe's Counterfeiting class is in Week 1. Fester Brett Irick (spelling of last name?) is on the cover, and Fred is pictured inside. Cheers,  
Mark C. Watson

Dear Gram,  
Not sure if you got my email previously or not , but myself (Sam Feedback ) and Jim White will not be coming to the fest this year. If circumstances allow we might try to make it next year. Also CMP civilian marksmanship Program is scheduled to start selling Standard Products Carbines in July of 2008. These are US issue M-1 carbines originally manufactured in Port Clinton during world war II . Anyone interested in one of these can contact CMP for further information. Wish you all the best and everyone safe travel too and from the fest this year. Sam Feedback  
[We will miss Sam and Jim and hope they make it to Fest X - Roger]

Dear Gram,  
I will be attending fest.  
George Fitzgerald

Dear Gram,  
The following have tables at the Friday Bourse: Keith Bauman Joe Boling Brian Fanton Al Glaser Harold Kroll Jack Lippincott Ian Marshall BNR Press Dave Seelye Steve Swoish Bill Yanchick There is one tentative reservation, if details can be worked out. So there is one more table left! David

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CPMX, Mar 27-30, Chicago  
Maastricht, April 4-6, Valkenburg, Netherlands

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Al Glaser  
Fred and Judy Schwan  
Martha and Rob Stevenson



Jane and Warner Talso John Cheney  
Jack Lippincott  
Steve Feller  
Ray Feller  
Keith Bauman (dealer not part of Fest)  
Larry Schuffman  
Gary Hicks  
Neil Shafer  
Bob Olsen  
Ian and Bella Marshall  
Brian Fanton  
Jim Downey  
William Myers  
David Seelye  
Joe and Louise Boling  
Ron Waddell  
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two note set of \$10 notes (red and brown) -  
uncirculated \$20/pair;

US Army Adjutant General School Training notes - complete set 5, 10, 25,  
50 cents plus \$1, \$5, \$10 and  
\$20 - uncirculated - \$125/set

\$5 FRN Propaganda note SB409/page 398 - skull on back  
with Arabic writing - scotch taped w/edge nicks  
\$75

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WANTED SECTION:

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Fest quarters (also known as Fest casino tokens, Fest quarters, and Harold' are available to Gramsters. These quarters are ideal give aways to promote the hobby. Additionally, they will be valid for spending at all Fests. 2007 Harolds can be purchased in rolls at \$6.25 per roll (face value (we knew that you would love this roll value!). Rolls are original, unsorted or searched just the way that they came from the Great Lakes Mint. As a courtesy we will also send four Harolds for a dollar bill and a self addressed stamped envelope. Send your orders to MPCFest Headquarters, 132 E. Second St., Port Clinton, Ohio 43452.

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US Currency and advertising  
by Jim Downey

Using United States currency for advertising purposes is a violation of federal anti-counterfeiting laws. Title 18, Section 475 of the United States Code makes it illegal to ". . . impress[es] upon or attach[es] to any [such] instrument, obligation, or security, or any coin of the United States, any business or professional card, notice, or advertisement, or any notice or advertisement whatever . . ."

This provision is pretty routinely violated. I have

quite a few pieces of US currency which advertise websites and other businesses. Political messages also frequently make their way onto US currency particularly in an election year.

In the run-up to the election of 1948, the use of MPC for political advertising was so pervasive in Japan that the Army issued an order recalling MPC carrying political slogans. An article in the March 28, 1948 New York Times indicates that SCAP Headquarters issued an order calling in MPC containing political slogans supporting and criticizing the candidacy of General MacArthur for president. The article states that most of the slogans were supportive of MacArthur and identified that defacing MPC in this manner was a violation of federal law

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EDITORIAL

Jim's article gets me to thinking. Haven't we all seen dollar bills with Elvis and Santa Claus; three dollar bills with former president Clinton and other denominations with Hillary. Of course there is one with General George S. Patton (my favorite general) promoting certain causes and ideals. Do we "violate" the text of the law when we create MFC or modify MPC for our own purposes, or is it the spirit of the law that enables us to make these notes which are obviously not legal tender and are created enjoyment and not illicit purposes. Are there folks out there who really believe the US government would issue legal tender with a rock-and-roll singer as the central vignette? Should Dick and Loretta Freyser worry? I think not. While we were waiting for the lot 692 progressive proof notes to come up for bid at the Heritage aucrion at the FUN sow, Fred, Geroge Fitzgerald, Frank Clark (of Heritage)and I were discussing US issues that have gotten out of government hands and are now, at least to some degree, available for collectors. Two items come to mind right away: Series 701 MPC and the 1913 Liberty head nickles. There has been somewhat of a blind eye turned by the government to these issues so I am not surpirsed that no big deal is made of the copies made for amusement purposes. Then again there is the case of the 1933 ten dollar gold piece. Roger

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Dear Gram  
Well, I believe that since I have a bourse table, &

that Doug Bell presides over the Bowling Fest, that Ed Beaman is in charge of the raffle tickets, & that Jack Hunter is looking to regain his Trivia crown, you can add us ALL as registered for the Fest. Also, From what I hear, I believe we will reserve a salt truck instead of our usual SUV this year. We will see you all soon, hopefully there won't be any storm delays for all attending.  
Steve Swoish 22

Dear Gram, I received my February Bank Note Reporter today, with Fred's cover story about the 692 progressive proof booklet in the FUN CAA sale. I have to correct him. There is no US Army Headquarters Pacific Command (although some web sites use that terminology in error), and the rubber stamp in the booklet is not USAPAC. It's USARPAC, for US Army, Pacific. At the time this specimen book was sent to the field, USARPAC was subordinate to the US Pacific Command (a joint command), as was MACV in Vietnam. But USARPAC had a support role for USARV, which was subordinate to MACV. It had to have been in that role that the series 692 MPC samples, never intended to be used in USARPAC's directly subordinate commands, were sent to USARPAC. Joe

Dear Gram I have made my reservations for the fest. I will arrive Thur 28FEB and depart Mon 3MAR  
Bill Myers

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Bell  
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David  
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Loretta  
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auction submission/viewing all interested Ski  
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Warner  
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Bob Olsen  
Ian and Bella Marshall  
Brian Fanton  
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William Myers  
David Seelye  
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Series 9, No 1588 Saturday, January 26th, 2008

Recent BNR article,  
by David Klinger

Dear Gram,

In the on-line Krause newsletter Numismaster.com,  
David Kranz (BNR) talks of the recent sale of the

series 692 specimen booklet: The record-setting proof and specimen booklet of Series 692 Military Payment Certificates is also a rarity. In his cover story [Feb BNR] about the booklet, researcher and military money authority Fred Schwan mentions that there are other booklets like it, but he doesn't say that there's a second one for Series 692 kicking around somewhere. He stops a step short of saying there's not, leaving the possibility open. Until someone unearths documentation of another, though, this is the only one known. Simply based on the prices realized, as well as the esoteric nature of the MPC specimen booklet, these items likely sold to advanced collectors. If so, that too is promising. One thing many advanced collectors tend to appreciate is ... collecting. Just because you and I couldn't buy something that approaches the so-called Holy Grail of MPC collecting doesn't mean that we aren't interested. Someone willing to pay \$115,000 for such an item is probably connected to and interested in the hobby. Case in point. It appears that the Series 692 booklet is going to be on display at MPCFest 9 Feb. 29-March 2. Some details about the Fest can be found on Page fourteen. One highlight of the Fest will be sale of Doug Bell's small denomination (under \$5 face value) MPC in the annual Fest scholarship auction. This is material of interest to MPC collectors of all levels. Proceeds from the auction are used for scholarships to the Military Numismatics course at the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar. You can read the entire article at: <http://www.numismaster.com/ta/numis/Article.jsp?ad=article&ArticleId=3694>

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EDITORIAL

I always look forward to the Fest because I get to see and talk with fellow collectors that I only get to meet with one a year. I agree with Dave that collectors appreciate collecting and by extension enjoy interacting with others who feel the same. The 692 specimen book/progressive proof set will be on exhibit at the Fest (along with some other interesting items) and I am curious to see the reaction of those who will see the notes for the first time. The list of registered Festers is complete as of this writing. - Roger

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Dear Gram,

I shudder to read that the term "script" has made it's way into the GRAM. [Dick is right to shudder - a major editing error by yours truly - Roger]

On another matter with regard to Steve Feller it was in my shop in No. Attleboro Mass. that he cut some of his early numismatic (paper money) teeth.

Dick Balbaton

Doric Coins & Currency

Dear Esteemed Editor,

I am heading out for Thailand and then Viet Nam on January 21. While in Viet Nam, one of my old Army colonels and his wife and my wife will be taking a Mekong River cruise on a luxury boat for a few days. We will make some toasts to those who did not make it back from the time of the Tet Offensive 40 years ago! Can you believe it has been 40 years? If any

Gramsters want me to look for anything for them, please email me at HADaniel3@msn.com and I will try to find it/them. I will return in late February in time to unpack and repack for the Phoenix ANA, then drive out to Arizona. With me not at the Fest, I am sure there will be a few more smiling faces instead of sad ones seeing me there. That is all for now.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

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Calendar 2008  
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MPC Fest IX, Feb 29-Mar 2. Holiday Inn Express, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452  
CPMX, Mar 27-30, Chicago  
Maastricht, April 4-6, Valkenburg, Netherlands

Fest IX Training  
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@ Big Boppers Available Judy/Ken

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meet

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Fred  
0730-0830 auction lot viewing optional Ski  
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Gary Hicks  
Neil Shafer  
Bob Olsen  
Ian and Bella Marshall  
Brian Fanton  
Jim Downey  
William Myers  
David Seelye  
Joe and Louise Boling  
Ron Waddell



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\$20 - uncirculated - \$125/set

\$5 FRN Propaganda note SB409/page 398 - skull on back  
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NUMISMATIC BOOK FETCHES RECORD PRICE OF \$115,000  
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Fred Schwan writes: "Perhaps there were other books somewhere in the Heritage paper money sale at FUN, but there was only one important book. It probably went unnoticed by most numibibliophiles. The title of the book was 'Composite, Progressive, and Specimens Military Payment Certificates Series 692'. [My thanks to David Klinger for helping me locate the lot on the Heritage web site. -Editor] To view the lot description on the Heritage web site, see:  
[http://currency.ha.com/common/view\\_item.php?Sale\\_No=456&Lot\\_No=13277](http://currency.ha.com/common/view_item.php?Sale_No=456&Lot_No=13277)

"The book included 72 pages of the subject material. No similar book has been previously been reported in private hands. The book realized a record price for any MPC item -- \$115,000 including juice. I wrote up the full story for the current issue of the Bank Note Reporter. Where does \$115,000 stack up in records for numismatic books?"

[Although this item is indeed a book, the value of the book derives primarily from the fact that it houses a collection of numismatic items - it's part book, but part album. I would put the Raphael P. Thian album of Confederate Currency in this category as well. It sold in the 1994 Armand Champa library sale for \$25,300. Like the MPC "book", the lion's share of the value was in the notes mounted within. These "books"

are collections in the form of books. I wasn't sure of any U.S. numismatic book (or album) exceeding the Thian record, but George Kolbe set me straight.

-Editor]

George Kolbe writes: "In the John J. Ford library sale, lot 518, the single volume Colonel Green inventory, brought \$37,000 hammer; Vols. 1-6 of The Numismatist, bound in one volume, sold for \$35,000; the 1851 Hart pamphlet brought \$30,000 hammer (this fully conforms with your main criterion). I found these by making a quick scan of the prices realized list. There may be others, in Ford, and earlier.

Another Hart, for example, sold in the Bass library, though I believe it brought less.

Recently, an early numismatic book from the library of Jean Grolier sold at auction in Europe for around \$75,000-\$80,000. One or two other numismatic books in Grolier bindings have sold at auction for over 25,000, I believe. Several years ago, Douglas Saville and I bought together at auction a 1517 first edition of Fulvio's "Illustrium Imagines" (for well over your threshold figure) and I placed it privately at over \$50,000. It was one of only a few printed on

vellum. I do not know if other numismatic books in this league have reached six figures but I would not be particularly surprised."

"The above items derive their value intrinsically, though a Grolier binding makes a bit of a difference (the book noted above, in a nice 'anonymous' contemporary binding, would bring several thousand dollars at most, and vellum vs. rag stock enhances Fulvio's value by a factor of ten)."

[A list of the "Top Ten Most Valuable Works of Numismatic Literature" would make for interesting reading. Has anyone been keeping track of recent sale records in this regard? -Editor (Wayne)]

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#### EDITORIAL

I recently had reason to shop at two different but close by Wal Mart stores. I learned that they have different policies and prices at different stores. The difference of some interest here is money orders. I have never much cared for money orders because they tend to be expensive. Nonetheless, I know that some people prefer them. Specifically, many ebay sellers and even some buyers prefer to use money orders and I understand at least some of the reasons. With all of this in mind, I noticed at the first Wally World that I visited that the store sold money orders

in the customer service area. At the next store I got a little more inquisitive and learned that they sell money orders and that the price is zero dollars!

It is quite obvious that the company can make money on the float of the funds and especially on lost and never recovered or replaced orders. Still it seemed (and seems) remarkable that the company will offer this service without a direct fee. I bought a money order more or less to exercise the system and to see if I could learn anything interesting.

The money orders are somewhat interesting, but nothing special. The serial numbers are high and allow for a staggering high end number with ten or so digits in the serial number. Sorry, I do not remember exactly because I mailed the MO.

On the next trip back to the first Wally World, I intended to buy some more money orders and was surprised to find a 42 cent charge. While this is probably reasonable enough, it is a huge percentage higher than store number two. Of course, given the choice I will shop at store

number two, but I also intend to stop in at some other stores and see what else that I can learn.

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Mail Call: Send mail to mpcgram@yahoo.co.  
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Dear Editor,

Please call attention to the ANA 2008 National Money Show, March 7-9, 2008 at the Phoenix Convention Center, West Building. Noteworthy is the call for exhibits. Further note the display of the ANA's traveling exhibit "Victory at All Costs: Money of World War II." Feb. 1 is the application deadline to present an exhibit in Phoenix. More than 100 displays will be showcased in three categories: competitive, non-competitive and marquee. Awards for competitive exhibits will be presented in six classes; Best in Show, National Coin Week and People's Choice awards will also be presented. Other exhibit highlights in Phoenix include the world-famous 1913 Liberty Head nickel, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's \$1 Billion Display, including examples of \$100,000 bills, and the Money Museum's new four-case traveling exhibit, "Victory at All Costs: Money of World War II." Pictured: 50-mark Allied Military Currency note for Germany.

This cries out for a Mini-Fest, even if it is too close to FEST IX.

Warner

Dear Gram,

I well remember Dick Balbaton's shop in North

Attleboro, MA. At that time--mid 1970's--I was a graduate student at Brown University and lived in Attleboro in a house we bought on Pike Avenue for \$32,000! He had a marvelous store with lots of world and obsolete US paper currency. Dick is very knowledgeable about paper and it was not that common (still isn't) to go to a shop with that specialty. As I recall it was not far off Interstate 95 just north of the Rhode Island border. Nearby was a Chinese restaurant my wife and I liked--especially the pu pu platter with its Chinese style ribs. Today, my daughter, and Fest poker champ two-years running, Ray lives up the road from North Attleboro in Boston. Steve Feller

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1. Updated Prices Realized for Mailbid X are on my web site:

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2. Philippine Mailbid Sale XI with a close date of 6 March 2008 is finally finished and at the printers. I expect to start mailing the list next week. If you

are interested and don't receive the list by the end of January, please contact me and I will send another copy to you. It will be posted on my web site next week as well. Mailbid XI contains 1826 lots. The sale consists of about \$150,000 in coins, tokens, medals, errors, Culion Leper Colony coins and paper money. There are three nice Proof sets as well as 31 single Proof coins and a number of varieties from the Jeff Springsteen collection. Also included are 21 error coins and 14 SCARCE to RARE Pattern and Trial strikes. The Philippine commercial and military token group is extensive with 72 lots featured. The sale has over 700 lots of Paper Money including even one MPC (661 5C)! This is the largest offering of stamps including not seen before First Day Covers from the Japanese Occupation--these are also from the Jeff Springsteen collection. Finally there are the normal offerings of Early Spanish Paper Collectibles, chits, military postcards, books, and albums. Get your bids in early. I will contact all bidders who provide telephone numbers or email addresses to review bids half way through. Current bids at the beginning of the last week of the sale will be posted on my web site above.

3. Mailbid XII will be a super sale and will be run in conjunction with the Summer ANA Money show in Baltimore. I plan to have the lots available for review at my table at the show. I will accept consignments through 15 June 2008. My charge is 15% only if the lot sells. I Just received a large consignment today plus many new offerings of varieties from the Jeff Springsteen collection. The sale will include coins, tokens, medals, errored coins, all categories of paper money, stamps, and an extensive listing of books and catalogs.

4. The 6th PCF will be held during the 2008 ANA World's Fair of Money at the Baltimore, Maryland Convention Center. Show dates are July 30-August 3, 2008. I need ideas for presentations and presenters so please let me know.

5. An event of note yesterday was the auctioning by Stacks of the 2nd highest certified 1920 Gold Wilson Dollar for \$70,000 plus 15% buyers fee. The previous high sale price that I know of was \$27,500 for an Mint State medal. Both Shafer and Basso in their catalogs

estimated 5-6 pieces were minted as presentation pieces for VIPs at the opening of the new Manila Mint in 1920. Current thinking is that there were probably double that number minted but that most of them have wear or other defects such as mounting marks. NGC has encapsulated both a MS62 and the MS61 which is the one just sold. Significantly, I received back from NGC yesterday a Wilson Gold graded as a AU58. It is a choice piece with just a touch of wear at the high points. The owner had originally decided to sell it last month and asked me to handle the submission to NGC. He will probably sell it but currently is on travel for the next week. If there is anyone interested in purchasing the third nicest Gold Wilson, please contacted me in the next two weeks.

6. I have in stock the following books/study/albums if you are interested:

- a. Lyman Allen's 6th (2008-2009) edition of "US/Philippine Coins" is in stock now. As in the past, the edition contains new varieties and updated certified coins' listings from the different grading services. Values have been vastly updated. Also included is a coin checklist at the back. Price is \$28 Postpaid to US and APO/FPO addresses. Price to Overseas addresses is \$35 for airmail postage.
- b. "History and Mintage Philippine Counterstamped Coins 1828-1839" by Quint Jose MA. Oropilla Y Fortich, M.D. It is well researched containing original archival documents, many photos, and important information about counterstamped coins never before published. This is a large (9 1/2 by 12 1/2 inches) hardbound 225 page book weighing about 4 lbs for shipping. For any Philippine or Spanish Colonies collector having interest in this unique series, you need this book. Cost in the US is \$120 plus \$6 for insured book rate to US addresses.
- c. Also available: "The Philippine 1906S Philippine Peso, Die Characteristics: Genuine and Fake", August 2004. I initially presented this research study at PCF 2004. It has 20 pages with 13 of those color photographs. Cost is \$8.00 postpaid within US and \$10.00 overseas. It was published in the ANA Journal, Summer 2006 edition.
- d. I have also restocking the New Blue Philippine coin albums Vol I through VII. Cost is \$40 each plus \$4 postage. They are blue hard covered, professionally made with slide outs to allow placement of coins. Both sides are visible. I will ship them to US or APO/FPO addresses.

Vol I--Spanish Philippine series includes Counterstamps, Isabella II and

Alphonso XII series.

Vol II--US/PI Series: 1/2 Centavo; 1, 5, 10 Centavo;  
1903-1945 including

major varieties; 89 openings

Vol IIa--Leprosarium Series: Culion Leper Colony;

1913-1930 including

major varieties; 18 openings

Vol III--US/PI Series: 20 and 50 Centavos, Pesos,  
Bronze and Silver

Wilson Dollars; and 3 piece 1936 Commonwealth

Commemorative Set; 1903-1936

including major varieties ; 62 openings

Vol IV--Republic Series: English Series (1958-1964);

Pilipino Series

(1967-1974); Bagong Lipunan Series (1975-1979); All

denominations except

commemoratives; 111 openings

Vol V--Republic Series Commemoratives: 1947-1995; 39

openings Extra page for 1996-2000 Commemoratives

Vol VI--Republic Series: 1980-1992; all minor

denominations to 5 Piso,

including 1983 errors; 114 openings

Vol VII--Republic Series: 1993-2000; all minor

denominations to 10 Piso;

49 openings

(Note that Vol V and VII can accommodate filler pages

as new issues come out but it has been difficult to

get the filler pages)

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EDITORIAL I recently received an inquiry about Min van Oorlog

tokens. They are not in Remembered. Of the many

mistakes and omissions in Remembered (really not that

many considering the breath and scope of the thing),

these tokens are one of two things that I knew about

at the time and just forgot to include. They were for

use with the notes of the same name and are

interesting. They certainly will be included in the

next edition. We went through a period a few years ago

with some intense interest in the tokens, but not much

has been mentioned of late. They are interesting and

important items and I believe that David Seelye has a

selection of them on his price list (or at least in

his inventory if they did not make it to his list).

Not only did I know about the tokens for

Remembered 1, but I had a short set in my collection.

Stop, wait, there is more. Not only did I have a short

set, but when I purchased mine, I was able to get a

duplicate set that I sold to Ski. We both had the darn

things and still failed to get them in the book. Well,

you can be sure that they will make into Remembered 2.

On the other hand, I am sure that there will be some

things that we know about now that will somehow be



forgotten for the new edition.

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Mail Call: Send mail to mpcgram@yahoo.co.  
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Dear Editor,  
Sorry I can't make the fest next month. Does anybody  
have any interest in another Mini-Fest on Saturday  
June 28 at the coin show in Colorado Spring? Haven't  
been able to make that show the last few years, but think I can this  
year. If we do a mini fest I'll try  
to come up with another MMFC issue if possible.  
Larry Gibbs  
Gering, NE

Dear Gram,  
I have registered and will be attending my first fest  
this year. I will be arriving Feb 28 and staying  
until March 2. I have met some of the fest  
participants in the past at Summer Seminar and at  
various paper money shows and I look forward to seeing  
and meeting everyone next month.  
David Frank

Dear Gram  
Frank Clark representing Heritage Auction will have  
the Tom Flynn collection of MPC on display. This  
collection will be sold at Central States Convention  
in Chicago in April 2008.  
David

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FOR SALE - Keith Bauman - TNA associates

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email: [tnaksbauman@earthlink.net](mailto:tnaksbauman@earthlink.net)

1. Series #641 and #651 seven note sets all Gem CU  
with excellent centering and full original embossing  
of the serial and position numbers.

The sets are all raw but if graded by PMG they would  
probably grade Gem EPQ.

Asking \$650 and \$1650 respectively for the sets  
described above. Scans will be sent on request or the  
sets will be available (contingent on a prior  
sale) at my bourse table at the MPC Fest on February  
29th.

2. Series #472 \$1.00 1st printing Replacement Note  
with serial #C00456969 and position # 58. The note  
resides in a PMG holder graded Choice Uncirculated 64  
EPQ which is the finest known (per PMG Pop Report). In  
addition to the full original embossing on the Serial  
and position numbers  
the note has three essentially equal margins with the  
exception of the slightly smaller bottom margin which  
keeps it out of the Gem category. Price and Scans  
available on request or the note will be available

(contingent on a prior sale) at my bourse table at the MPC Fest on February 29th.

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FOR SALE - David Seelye - thempcman@verizon.net  
US Army Finance School Training notes Series 542  
two note set of \$10 notes (red and brown) -  
uncirculated \$20/pair;

US Army Adjutant General School Training notes - complete set 5, 10, 25,  
50 cents plus \$1, \$5, \$10 and  
\$20 - uncirculated - \$125/set

\$5 FRN Propaganda note SB409/page 398 - skull on back  
with Arabic writing - scotch taped w/edge nicks  
\$75

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Series 9, No 1591 Saturday, February 2nd, 2008

Auction Preview,  
by Larry Smulczenski

Well, Fest 9 is right at a month away. It is hard to believe that we have gone through nine of these great events already. I don't think any of us that huddled in that small room down the road in 2000 could have imagined the popularity that this event has commanded. And each year our event closing auction has attracted some great and exciting lots for attendees to bid on and take home. This year is no exception. Regular readers of the Gram will remember that Profski predicted that there would be an exciting note collection auctioned off this year. That hazy old bowling ball must have been sparkling with that one. The Wiz, Doug Bell has consigned his MPC Master Set to this years Fest Auction. The Master set includes over 4500 notes of all values one dollar and below in every plate position with some series including higher value notes. Only 532 notes are needed to totally complete this set, so the buyer does have a challenge. The series 481 is complete with both the left and right positions of the one dollar.



Series 641 is complete thru the \$10. Only one 50 cent position is need to complete the 521 series. The \$5 positions of series 681 is complete. The series 611 has the \$1 value complete as well as 461, 541 and 681 having complete 5 cent sets and 461, 472 and 681 having complete 10 cent sets. This is a monumental accomplishment and it is safe to say that another set like it will never be accumulated. Another featured lot is Short Snorter that

consists of a \$10 North Africa note, a \$10 series 481, a \$10 series 641 and a \$10 series 681 autographed by 38 Medal of Honor winners at the 2007 Medal of Honor Society Convention.

We also have some very generous donations for the Scholarship Fund including a 5 cent series 4 Korean MPC coupon, a copy of Neil Shafer's Guerrilla Currency book that is extremely hard to obtain, a 50 sen "B" specimen note, several sets of AMG stamps, a Philippine 2 Peso Victory star note and a US \$10 Gold Certificate Propaganda note overprinted in German and Yugoslav. This is just a few of the donations, and I don't want to slight anyone who donated as all are appreciated, but I just can't list them all. My fingers get tired typing. The entire auction list will be published in a week or so and the donations are identified. A couple of other lots that should bring significant attention from bidders are a couple of barter notes, some AMC replacements, a Reunion error note showing only the underprint, war bonds including a large size Canadian Bond, an army bugle, an army compass and an army field desk that folds up. There also is plenty of MPC, AMC and other military notes. That is enough to wet your whistle for the time being. I said that we would have the entire Auction Catalog published in the next week or so. We will take absentee bids from those of you missing out by not coming to the Fest. There is a 10 per cent buyers fee charged to help defray costs of the Fest plus postage.

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EDITORIAL

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Dear Editor, I will be attending the Fest. Heritage Auction Galleries will have a table in order to exhibit the impressive Tom Flynn MPC Collection that will be offered for auction at the Central States Numismatic Society auction April 16-19, 2008. Also, I will be accepting consignments for the CSNS auction. This is right upon the consignment deadline, so if you are interested, see me.

Frank Clark  
Currency Specialist  
Currency Auctions of America  
Heritage Auction Galleries

Dear Gram,  
Plan to be at Fest IX. Arr. Thur. 28th about noon.  
Adolf Witzke

Hi everyone&.  
It is almost here&. The time of our lives.. Fred is not making reservations for Festors this year it is up to you. So please give us a call here at the Holiday Inn Express to reserve your fine accommodations for this grand affair. If you are not coming I would appreciate an e-mail letting me know as you be will me greatly missed. The fest this year starts Thursday February 28th March 02, 2008. The last day to make reservations will be February 09, 2008. So please as soon as you know let us know. If you can not come up with a decision by then call me. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from each and everyone of you.

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Dear Esteemed Editor,  
I think you should also have a list of UnRegistered Festers like myself and others who declined to come. In that way, friends and acquaintances of them can pester them until they decide to attend. Sounds like a good idea to me because some people just need a little push to go over the line and attend. Best regards,  
The Master Sergeant Daniel from Saigon

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Series 9, No 1592 Monday, February 4th, 2008

Fest Theme

The theme for this years MPC Fest will be POW chits in North America--Canada and the US. Fest Headquarters made the announcement and asks Festers to bring their collections of WWII POW chits to the Fest. Other items

relating to the POW experience in the United States and Canada are also important and should be taken to the Fest. Material relating to the POW experience outside of North America is also welcome.

Larry Smulcsenski and David Seelye are the project officers for this theme. They plan on recording information and scanning as many different chits as possible for inclusion in a new book on POW chits in the United States and Canada.

A few spots are still available for collectors with special interest in POW chits who have not perviously registered. They should call 419 732 7322 to make the hotel reservations and send a notice of intent to the Gram. Collectors who absolutely cannot attend the Fest are encouraged to send scans, photocopies, lists and the like for research purposes. This material should be sent before the Fest if at all possible. Send it to MPCGram@yahoo.com or via snail mail to MPCFest, 132 E. Second St., Port Clinton, OH 43452.

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EDITORIAL =====

I am excited about the POW theme for the Fest even though I am not a serious collector of this material. The Fest is a perfect opportunity to not only bring collectors together and to allow for research. Ski in particular has been struggling with a POW book manuscript for a long time. Problems of time, distance, and electrons have combined to keep the book in the background. It is altogether possible that this meeting of collectors will jump start the work so that we can have a book on this interesting subject soon. This is only our second attempt to have a theme for the Fest. Last year, we announced a Japanese Invasion Money theme, but we did not follow through too well. I think that this theme is destined for success and hope that we can use the concept similarly in the future. As always, your thoughts will be very welcome.

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Mail Call: Send mail to mpcgram@yahoo.co.  
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Dear Editor,  
See below article from the E-Sylum. Maybe we can get Bill to make his presentation at FEST.  
Regarding last week's item from Paul Sherry about military payment tokens used in Iraq, Joe Boling writes: "These are pogs, the token coinage issued by AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service). They are

not cardboard, but plastic. See [www.aafespogs.com](http://www.aafespogs.com) for complete information about them. There have been ten emissions so far. See also <http://www.aafespogs.com/publications/By%20Bill%20Myers.htm>

for a series of articles by Colonel (Doctor) Bill Myers about them. Myers won the best of show exhibit award at FUN two years ago with an exhibit of pogs, and gave a numismatic theater program on them at this year's convention."  
Warner

Dear Editor,  
Check out Item number: 230215592434 on ebay. This is a recently closed auction. The seller identified the lot as a U.S. selection of 96 MPCs Specimens. In reality they were the copies made a few years ago by Chambliss (I have a set & my serial numbers matched the ones being sold). Also notice that he only showed the front of the notes, never the back. These copies sold for \$1245.90. Yes, you read that correctly!  
I contacted the seller & told him that the notes were copies & that he should say so & tell the bidders. He ignored me. People like this seller will hurt the hobby.  
Ken Berger

[Dear Ken,  
I am aware of a prior incident with Chambliss copies on Ebay which resulted in the buyer not being victimized. A complaint was made and payment stopped as soon as the buyer received the notes and saw the word "COPY" on the back. You are right, these sellers do hurt the hobby and take advantage of unwitting buyers. Ebay should make every effort to remove these sellers. Good for you that you called him on his fraud. - Roger]

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Calendar 2008  
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MPC Fest IX, Feb 29-Mar 2. Holiday Inn Express, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452  
ANA National Money Show, Phoenix, Arizona  
March 7-9  
CPMX, Mar 27-30, Chicago  
Maastricht, April 4-6, Valkenburg, Netherlands

Fest IX Training  
Schedule

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Fred  
0730-0830 auction lot viewing optional Ski  
0845-1130 auction all personnel Ski  
1100-1230 police call and early departures select  
personnel Sparky  
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interested personnel  
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#### Monday 3 March

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personnel

#### Tuesday 4 March

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Auction items coordinator: Larry Smulczenski  
skifla@cox.net  
Exhibits contact joeboling@aol.com

Bond drive (blast): wtalso@aol.com

Remarks: Saturday poker game will be a Texas holdem tournament with \$25MFC buy in.

Holiday Inn Express, 50 NE Catawba Road, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452 419 732 7322 (remember, if you have a Fest reservation, you have a room reservation. Do not call to confirm, they have it.)

#### FEST REGISTRATIONS:

Dan and Kathy Freeland  
Valerie May  
Al Glaser  
Fred and Judy Schwan  
Martha and Rob Stevenson  
Jane and Warner Talso John Cheney  
Jack Lippincott  
Harold Kroll  
Steve Feller  
Ray Feller  
Keith Bauman (dealer not part of Fest)  
Larry Schuffman  
Bill Yanchick  
Gary Hicks  
Neil Shafer  
Bob Olsen  
Ian and Bella Marshall  
Brian Fanton  
Jim Downey  
William Myers  
David Seelye  
Joe and Louise Boling  
Ron Waddell  
Roger Urce  
Brett Irick  
Nick Schrier  
Jack Hunter  
Dave Hunsicker  
John Watta

Steve Swoish  
Ed Beaman  
Doug Bell  
George Fitzgerld

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Series 9, No 1593 Tuesday, February 5th, 2008

Homemade specimen books,  
by Joe Boling

In November the Indiana State Numismatic Assn had its convention in Indianapolis. One of the dealers told me that a vest-pocket dealer was looking for me with some specimen books. I never found the second fellow, but I got a phone number for him from the first dealer. Some weeks later I finally got around to calling him. He indeed had some fascinating WWII specimens, which he said he had acquired from an estate about ten years ago. Here's what turned up in this group:  
Italy AMC hand-made specimen book, consisting of complete sets of 1943 and 1943A. The 1943 are all BEP

printings, and are all circulation notes stamped SPECIMEN. The 1943A are mixed circulation and specimen notes, all stamped with the same stamp as the 1943 notes (large notes and small notes have different stamps) - in other words, although some have zero serials, they are not "official" specimens. But the serials are all single digits except the zero serial pieces - 5 lire serial #1, 10 lire SN zeros, 50 lire SN #3, 100 lire SN #9, 500 and 1000 lire SN zeros. The notes are glued into the booklet, and not easily separable. Three of the low-denomination pieces have tape on their backs. Japan official specimen book of AMC yen, area A (10 sen through 100 yen) - all are "H" replacements with two or three leading zeros, perforated SPECIMEN. The notes are glued to tabs that are stapled into the booklet. This is the usually-seem officially-prepared booklet. Japan - handmade specimen book, "Bank of Japan New Issue" (1946 emissions). Official specimens (block 1 or zero, with additional specimen SN) of 50 sen, 1 and 5 yen; expedient specimens of 10 and 100 yen (see SB - expedient specimens are circulation notes converted to specimens with small vermilion hand stamps) (P60, 85, 86, 87, 89).. The notes are glued into the booklet, and not easily separable.

Japan - handmade specimen book, "Bank of Japan Old Issue Validated." Expedient specimens of 10, 100, 200, and 1000 yen with revalidation shoshi, the shoshi with official MIHON overprint (in black kana characters) (P79a, 80a, 81b, 82). All notes are perforated with four quarter-inch holes. The notes are glued into the booklet, and not easily separable.

Korea - handmade specimen book, "Japanese Yen - South Korea - Bank of Chosen." Expedient specimens (from circulated notes) of 1,5,10,100 yen (two types of each), huge 23-24mm perforation holes and rubber stamp specimen (mihon) markings (P29, 33, 30, 39, 31, 36, 32, 37). The notes are glued into the booklet, and not easily separable. Expect to see these specimen booklets in a forthcoming Lyn Knight World Currency Auction sale.

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EDITORIAL =====

It was gratifying to see a number of Gramsters taking action regarding the MPC copies being sold as speciments on Ebay (see letters below). It is a credit not only to the hobby but to those who took the time and effort to educate a fellow collector. I'd like to think we all would do the same and that the seller was just mistaken in his advertising, but in a lot of cases it is just a case of greed. A good deed done!

Regarding Joe's column above, I had the opportunity to see three of the specimen books while at the FUN show.

They are well done and if specimen books are your thing, consider these unique examples.

On a non-numismatic note:

HOW BOUT THEM GIANTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Roger

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Dear Editor

The same seller has another set of Chambliss notes for sale (auction number 320215172423). This time he identified them as copies. Perhaps he did do the right thing with the other buyer.

Jim Downey

Dear Gram,

Regarding the Chambliss copies that were sold on Ebay, I too contacted the seller & he ignored me also. So I contacted the buyer just after the auction ended, explained to him what they were, gave him a phone # to call Ebay & told him what to do to get out of the bid & also let Ebay know about what this guy is selling are copies, not authentic notes. He notified me that he did not have to pay, & that Ebay promised to take some action against the seller.

Steve Swoish 22

Dear Editor,

I too, watched these through out the week, wondering where they might end up. I was amazed when they went over \$50.00 and completely stunned when they went over \$200.00! As most of you who do any buying/selling on E-bay know, once the \$200.00 level is achieved, it becomes a "private" sale, where the user Id's are only known to the seller. But at the end of the sale it will show who the winner is. At the conclusion of the sale (of the decade) I contacted the buyer of the notes, to let him know that what he had just paid about 600 times what they were worth. I explained to him that they were in fact, copies and not "specimens" as the stamp dealer had tried to pass them off as. Long story short, he (the buyer) did make contact with the seller, and was able to cancel the sale and keep his money in his pocket. As you mentioned, this is not the first time that this

has happened. And it won't be the last, I am sure.  
Maybe there should be a recall on all the known  
Chambliss copies, and we could have a real shredding  
party. I would be happy to oversee the destruction, if  
no one else will volunteer.  
Sorry Carlson, I know you worked hard on these things,  
but we gotta draw the line somewhere. Jack (21)  
Dear Editor,  
Alas, the final agonies of moving will preclude me  
from attending this year's Fest. Hope to return next  
year. Have a GREAT time!  
Wendell Wolka  
[Dear Wendell, We will miss you, and all the others  
who are unable to attend. Make plans now for Fest X Roger]

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Bill Y.

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Cuneyd

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Fred

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0845-1130 auction all personnel Ski

1100-1230 police call and early departures select personnel Sparky

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6683 before March 20; after March 20 call clerk

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Bond drive (blast): wtalso@aol.com

Remarks: Saturday poker game will be a Texas holdem tournament with \$25MFC buy in.

Holiday Inn Express, 50 NE Catawba Road, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452 419 732 7322 (remember, if you have a Fest reservation, you have a room reservation. Do not call to confirm, they have it.)

FEST REGISTRATIONS:

[As confirmed by Headquarters]

Dan and Kathy Freeland

Valerie May

Al Glaser

Fred and Judy Schwan

Martha and Rob Stevenson  
Jane and Warner Talso John Cheney  
Jack Lippincott  
Harold Kroll  
Larry Smulczenski  
Steve Feller  
Ray Feller  
Keith Bauman (dealer not part of Fest)  
Larry Schuffman  
Bill Yanchick  
Gary Hicks  
Neil Shafer  
Bob Olsen  
Ian and Bella Marshall  
Brian Fanton  
Jim Downey  
William Myers  
David Seelye  
Joe and Louise Boling  
Ron Waddell  
Roger Urce  
Brett Irick  
Nick Schrier  
Jack Hunter  
Dave Hunsicker  
John Watta  
Steve Swoish  
Ed Beaman  
Doug Bell  
George Fitzgerld  
Karen Jach  
David Frank  
John and Mrs. Regitko  
Loretta and Dick Freyser  
Carlson Chambliss  
Adolf Witzke  
Dick and Mrs. Dunn  
Robert Drew

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The following have tables at the Friday Bourse: Keith Bauman Joe Boling  
Brian Fanton Al Glaser Harold Kroll Jack Lippincott Ian Marshall BNR  
Press Dave Seelye Steve Swoish Bill Yanchick Carlson Chambliss

===== Dear Editor,  
> Scholarship coordinators Dan & Kathy Freeland wish  
> to remind interested readers that scholarship  
> applications need to be in their hands by February  
> 22, 2008. Winners of the scholarships will be  
> announced Sunday , March 2nd, at Fest headquarters.  
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> 2008 Military Numismatists Scholarship Fund  
> Supporting the Military Money Seminar at the  
> 2008 American Numismatic Association Summer Seminar



> June 28th thru July 4th, 2008 (Session II)  
> On the Campus of the Colorado College  
> Colorado Springs, Colorado United States of America  
> Purpose: The purpose of the Military Numismatists  
> Scholarship Fund is to promote, strengthen and grow  
> the military numismatics community by sponsoring  
> individuals to participate in the Military  
> Numismatics Seminar at the American Numismatic  
> Association Summer Seminar. Specifically targeted  
> are newcomers to the hobby, individuals with an  
> established interest but new to the military  
> numismatics community and advanced military  
> numismatists who are expected to contribute to the  
> content and overall success of the course.  
>  
> Basic Course: It will emphasize World War II, plus  
> all series of U.S. military payment certificates.  
> Worldwide war-related emissions by all powers  
> (Allied, Axis, and neutral) will be treated,  
> including those for overrun areas and puppet  
> governments, fighting forces, liberation  
> governments, and post-war occupations. Paper  
> money, bonds, coins, and medals will be covered.  
> Conflicts since WWII will be covered lightly. The  
> segment on MPCs will be about 30% of the course, and  
> will cover all aspects of their production, use, and  
> collection.  
> Advanced Course: For students who have completed  
> the basic Military Numismatics Course (or have  
> permission of the instructors) an advanced "graduate  
> seminar" style class runs concurrently with the  
> basic class. Advanced course students, in addition  
> to independent study and sharing re-enactments with  
> the basic course, will receive intensive instruction  
> in short blocks including identifying and  
> attributing notes and bonds that have no English on  
> them. Students work independently on projects  
> tailored to individual interests while still  
> participating in the special "Fest" reenactments of  
> the class. Your Instructors: Joseph E. Boling and C. Frederick  
> Schwan, co-authors "World War II Remembered, history  
> in your hands -- a numismatic study" and "World War  
> II Military Currency."  
> Eligibility: Anyone having a passion for military  
> numismatics is welcome to apply for a scholarship. The selection  
committee will award scholarships  
> based on information and responses to questions in  
> the application. YNs are strongly encouraged to  
> apply. Inquires and/or applications can be sent to  
> ksfdaf@sbcglobal.net  
> Past scholarship recipients are welcome to apply  
> again, but will automatically be considered advanced  
> numismatists and will only be eligible for tuition  
> reimbursement. Further, past recipients must

> clearly justify why they should be considered for  
> another scholarship. Preference will be given to  
> "basic course," first-time applicants. No one shall  
> be awarded more than two scholarships from this  
> program.  
> Costs Covered: The award of a scholarship carries a  
> maximum value of \$1000 (USD.) \$699 (you must  
> register by March 31 or you will pay an additional  
> \$50) covers tuition which includes the class, a room  
> in Loomis Dormitory (double occupancy) for six  
> nights (Saturday to Friday), all of your meals and  
> free airport shuttles, picking up and returning  
> Seminar students to the Colorado Springs Airport. The scholarship will  
also pay for airfare up to a  
> maximum of \$301. Reimbursement for "extraordinary"  
> travel expenses will be considered on a case by case  
> basis (for example: those traveling from overseas)  
> and will be subject to funding availability. Anyone  
> awarded a scholarship will be required to join the  
> ANA at individual expense if not already a member. A one-year  
membership is \$36 inside the U.S and \$48  
> outside of the U.S.  
> Submitting an Application: To apply for a  
> scholarship please submit the following information  
> to Military Numismatists Scholarship, c/o Dan or  
> Kathy Freeland, PO Box 195, Mayville, MI 48744,  
> U.S.A. or ksfdaf@sbcglobal.net  
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> Name  
> Address  
> Phone Number  
> E-mail address Numismatic clubs which you participate in (include  
> leadership positions held).

Significant numismatic exhibits (and awards.)  
> Significant numismatic articles (and awards.) Explain your interest in  
military numismatics.  
> What do you hope to gain from attending this  
> seminar?  
> Describe contributions you can make to the success  
> of the class.  
> The information you provide in your application is  
> the ONLY information the reviewers will consider in  
> awarding applications. Scholarships will not be  
> awarded simply because funding is available. You  
> must submit a quality application to be seriously  
> considered. This is a highly competitive program.  
> Applications will be judged by an impartial  
> committee. All decisions of the committee will be  
> final.  
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> Recipients are requested to volunteer for service to  
> future scholarship programs and are expected to  
> write at least one report of the experience for

> publication in a numismatic journal. Award of a  
> scholarship includes the likelihood of publishing  
> your name and some general background information.  
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> Please have applications in the hands of the  
> Freeland's by February 22, 2008. For applicants  
> outside the US requiring invitations for visas,  
> please coordinate your needs with the scholarship  
> chairman early.  
>  
> Making donations to the scholarship fund: Donations  
> of numismatic items and cash are gladly accepted to  
> support the scholarship. Items donated are  
> typically auctioned at MPC Fest (February 29 thru  
> March 2, 2008, Port Clinton, Ohio.) Monetary  
> donations can be sent to:  
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> Military Numismatists Scholarship Fund  
> c/o Dan or Kathy Freeland  
> PO Box 195  
> Mayville, MI 48744  
> U.S.A  
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> Please make checks payable to "Military Numismatists  
> Scholarship Fund." Donations are not tax  
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> include donor lists in published articles about the  
> scholarship. These people have donated to the  
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> Keith & Sue Bauman

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> Past Scholarship Recipients are:

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> Lawton, Oklahoma  
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FOR SALE - Keith Bauman - TNA associates  
Telephone 248 762 6654  
email: [tnaksbauman@earthlink.net](mailto:tnaksbauman@earthlink.net)

1. Series #641 and #651 seven note sets all Gem CU  
with excellent centering and full original embossing  
of the serial and position numbers.  
The sets are all raw but if graded by PMG they would  
probably grade Gem EPQ.  
Asking \$650 and \$1650 respectively for the sets  
described above. Scans will be sent on request or the  
sets will be available (contingent on a prior  
sale) at my bourse table at the MPC Fest on February  
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FOR SALE - David Seelye - thempcman@verizon.net  
US Army Finance School Training notes Series 542  
two note set of \$10 notes (red and brown) -  
uncirculated \$20/pair;

US Army Adjutant General School Training notes - complete set 5, 10, 25,  
50 cents plus \$1, \$5, \$10 and  
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with Arabic writing - scotch taped w/edge nicks  
\$75

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Lot Cnty/Subj Description Min Bid Don 1 Grab Bag A grab bag of Howard Daniel items donated to the scholarship fund. Sight unseen. \$1.00 Y 2 Great Britain Ten notes from the British Ministry of Defence 1991 "Sale of the Century" All CU \$6.00 Y 3 U.S. Chits Three Viet Nam era sets of chits (total 11 pcs) One each from Thailand, U.S. and Viet Nam CU \$8.00 Y 4 U.S. Bond \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. Series EE 1995. Bentsen sign. Small piece missing at bottom otherwise CU \$40.00 5 Ration Book Beverage Ration for troops in Korea without dependents. Used so some coupons missing. \$4.00 6 FWA E A Wright note with narrow "V" signature. A couple of very light folds, almost bends.P28b SB131b2 XF \$15.00 7 FWA One franc brown note issued for small change shortage. Two very light folds. Pick 34b SB1382b \$15.00 8 Japan Two pamphlets, one in japanese with pictures of royal family. The other "This week on Okinawa" Mar 66 features recovery of Gemini VIII. \$1.00 9 MPC Coupon Korea Series 4 10c, Schwan 992 Significant wear, rough margins and heavy folds. VG \$80.00 Y 10 Australia Petrol Ration coupons. Set of 4 from New South Wales. Valid until 31 May 1949. Used \$12.00 11 Chit Cover Printers Waste.of Chit Book cover from POW camp at Como Miss.\$5 Book. Back has a multiple off center print of NCO club at Albbrook AFB, CZ CU \$10.00

12 France AMC Two Franc replacement note. Serial Number 00746921 X. P114 SB142r Fine \$80.00 13 U.S. MPC Five cent Series 681 replacement note. SN C00498428 VG \$90.00 14 Germany 50 Pfennig JEIA Travellers coupon used in postwar Germany 1946-48. SB701a with wavy Wmk VG \$100.00 15 Germany Travellers Coupon booklet-Value 20 DM. NO COUPONS. Has condition of sale page. That page is torn and stained. Graffetti on back cover. \$100.00 16 Germany Frankfort Barter Center one unit 1947. SB623. Overall fine with evidence of removal from a short snorter roll. Still very collectable. \$100.00

17 Germany Frankfort Barter Center 50 unit 1947A. This was the last issued series. SB633 Attractive F-VF \$200.00 18 Reunion WWII issue. 1 Franc underprint. Either from Vichy issue or later French. These notes are very scarce in the complete issue format. This is only the underprint. Has to be more scarce than the issue. CU \$200.00 19 Romania One hundred lei 1944 printed by the Russians. PM13 SB398 Rarely seen. Some border damage

at bottom center. VG \$25.00 20 THE MPC MASTER SET THIS IS THE DOUG BELL MASTER SET. IT INCLUDES OVER 4500 NOTES OF ALL VALUES ONE DOLLAR AND BELOW IN EVERY PLATE POSITION WITH SOME SERIES COMPLETE IN HIGHER VALUES. ONLY 532 NOTES NEED TO BE ADDED TO COMPLETE ALL POSITIONS (5012 NOTES) SO THE WINNER STILL HAS SOME WORK TO DO. THE SERIES 481 IS COMPLETE WITH BOTH THE LEFT AND RIGHT POSITIONS OF THE ONE DOLLAR. SERIES 641 IS COMPLETE THRU THE \$10. ONE 50 CENT NOTE IS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE 521 SERIES. SERIES 681 IS COMPLETE IN THE \$5. SEVERAL OTHER SERIES ARE COMPLETE IN SOME VALUES. IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT NEVER WILL ANOTHER SET LIKE THIS BE ACCUMULATED. \$20,000.00 21 Mini Fest Notes Set of Mini Fest Notes from ANA Convention in Milwaukee (2007) \$5.00 Y 22 Private Fest 9 note Specimen sheet for Fest 9 note \$10.00 Y 23 Short Snorter A grouping of materials from the 2007 Medal of Honor Society Convention including (1) the Convention program, (2) a short snorter consisting of a \$10 North Africa note, \$10 series 481, \$10 series 641 and \$10 series 681 notes signed by appropriate MOH recipients and a set of souvenir notes made for the Convention. There are 38 signatures on the short snorter. Proceeds to go to MOH Society for memorial scholarship for Jim Downey's nephew. \$100.00 24 Bugle A genuine U.S. Army Bugle. "Liberated" in 1966. \$20.00 Y 25 Compass A genuine U.S. Army Compass with date stamp of 3-45. (March 45 \$10.00 Y 26 Book Philippine Emergency and Guerrilla Currency of World War II by Neil Shafer. First Edition. We can get it autographed by the author since he will be at the auction. \$20.00 Y 27 Book The Officers Guide. 1965-66 Edition. \$5.00 Y 28 Japan AMC A nice set of "B" Yen AMC. Seven notes, 10 sen thru 100 Yen. Grades range from Fine to AU. \$10.00 Y 29 Japan AMC Sp Specimen 50 sen Japanese "B" AMC. Taken from a Specimen booklet so there are remains of glue and tab on the left side back of the note. Otherwise the note is CU. The word Specimen is perf'd at the bottom \$150.00 Y 30 Pogs A set of the pogs from the 10th printing. Some are holigrams. \$20.00 Y 31 MPC Pogs Set of three pogs with MPC Vignettes. \$2.00 Y 32 AMG Kit AMG Kit for Occupational Stamps of WWII including 42 mint AMG stamps, 83 Album pages and AMG catalog handbook (Unused) As sold by Joseph Bush. \$5.00 Y 33 MFC Card Five dollar Memphis Bell Souvenir card from 2004 Mini Fest \$3.00 Y 34 World notes 100 Uncirculated World notes from 73 different countries in a currency album. Cat value approx \$130 \$50.00 35 MPC Series 521 5 cent second printing. XF/AU \$5.00 36 MPC Series 472 5 cent first printing Uncirculated \$6.00 37 AMC Italy Four Italian AMC notes 1-2-5-10 lire, PM10b, PM11a, PM18b, PM19a XF \$8.00 38 U.S. Ration Four different WWII Ration Checks (with

stubs) and one Deposit Slip. Unused \$10.00 39 Canada Ration Canadian  
 WWII Ration Book #1 (four  
 pages of stamps) Used XF \$4.00 40 U.S. War Bond Large size \$25, dated  
 October 1945 VF  
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 stamp MNH SB211; 25 cent stamp MNH SB212; Unused  
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 War Bond Promotional  
 Cards, 3" by 5.5" Unused \$6.00 43 Bond Documents War Bond Purchase  
 Orders--3  
 different, one with receipt (for use on ship); Second  
 War Loan Drive (set of 4 copies); Third War Loan Drive  
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 "B" for auto. (Gasoline Ration R-557) Unused \$5.00 45 Propaganda U.S.  
 Propaganda note featuring Japanese  
 10 Yen note on face. P40z #2009, SB169 VF \$20.00 46 Germany Five RM  
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 with Pinholes \$15.00 47 Great Britain Three BMA notes PM2 (SB302) VF;  
 PM3  
 (SB303) F; PM4 (SB304) F \$18.00 48 Great Britain One shilling BAFSV  
 PM11a (SB405) VF  
 \$15.00 49 Ukraine Four WW II notes. P51,52,54,55 (SB1263,  
 1264,1266.1267) VG/F \$12.00 50 France 100 Franc Marianne note, Tresor  
 Central,  
 P105 (SB116) Fine \$30.00 51 France AMC 100 Franc France back block #4.  
 P123c  
 (SB122d) AU \$18.00 52 FWA Twenty-five Francs P30a (SB1373a) VF \$16.00  
 53 Morocco Ten Francs dated 1-3-44 P25 (SB1502) XF  
 \$10.00 54 Japanese bond Ten Yen China Incident Discounted  
 Treasury Bond. SB1079 VF \$10.00 55 Jutlandia note One Krone note from  
 the Hospital  
 ship Jutlandia. Korean war. CU \$10.00 56 Canada Bond Fifty Dollar Large  
 size Canadian Bond  
 from the Fourth Victory Loan dated May 1st 1943, with  
 coupons. Great shape with only three folds as  
 intended. SB 709. XF \$250.00 57 Canada Bond Five dollar small size with  
 maple  
 leaves in the top corners plus other vignettes. SB951b2b \$25.00 58 Burma  
 Five Rupee India note overprinted for use in  
 Burma.P26b (SB604b) AU \$12.00 59 Burma Ten Rupee India note overprinted  
 for Burma in  
 red P32 (SB613) XF \$15.00 60 MPC Check Unused MPC check with tab from  
 Taegu  
 Korea Military Banking Facility. Payable only in MPC  
 if cashed outside the U.S. \$10.00 61 MPC Check Another like the last  
 \$10.00 62 MPC Check Another check like the last two except  
 this one has been used \$5.00 63 Japan AMC Japanese 10 Yen "B" AMC note  
 Uncirculated \$5.00 64 Ration Card Used ration Card from 8th Army Korea,  
 expired Dec 1968, Two Available Bid one, Buy one or  
 both \$2.00 65 Gas Coupons Gasoline coupons from Germany NATO  
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05 \$25.00 66 WWII Medal World War II Medal with ribbon \$5.00 67 Canteen Current Issue U.S, Canteen \$8.00 68 Army Vest Surrent Issue U.S. Army Ammo Vest with Canteen \$20.00 69 Field Desk U.S. Army Field Desk with 7 Drawers (one with hinge for padlock) Folds neatly in large box 17.5" by 23.5" by 27" high. \$85.00 70 Gas Coupons Three pages from a Gasoline Coupon Booklet of two coupons per page. (1 Liter, 5 Liter & 15 Liter) Valid from 15 Dec 95 to 15 Jan 97. \$10.00 Y

71 Novelty notes Package of 10 different novelty notes with Military Theme \$2.00 Y 72 Ration Card Unused "SFOR" (Bosnia Forces) Ration Card \$2.00 73 MFC Chit Book Fest IV \$5 Canteen Chit Booklet. Caontains 20 different multicolor military vessels, aircraft and vehicles \$5.00 74 Replica MPC Complete set of issued and non issued MPC (total 107 notes) \$15.00 Y 75 Bond Club Card Victory Loan membership Card in Franklin D. Roosevelt \$200 Bond Club-- War Activities Committee of the Motion Picture Industry. Unused \$5.00 76 Postcards Two Comic Postcards from WWII. Unused \$5.00 77 Challenge Coin USAFE Ramstein AFB Germany Challenge Coin UNC \$10.00 78 Malaya JIM Ten Dollar Block Letter/ Serial Number combination PM7a (SB2176a) Fine \$25.00 79 Malaya JIM Five Dollar Block Letter/ Serial Number combination PM6a (SB2175a) VF \$25.00 80 NEI JIM One Gulden Block Letter/ Serial Number combination PM123a (SB2194a) VF \$45.00 81 Oceania JIM Three notes, one shilling Block letters OA, OB, and OC. PM2 (SB2213) VF-AU \$10.00 82 Oceania Jim Ten shillings Block letter OA PM3 (SB2214) XF \$50.00 83 Movie Listings Sixty-four pieces. State Theatres Movie Listings, Different Weeks mention Red Cross and War Bonds \$20.00 Y 84 Test notes Del La Rue six piece Test Note Set (\$1 to \$100 denominations) UNC \$5.00 Y 85 MPC Series 681 \$1 UNC \$25.00 86 MPC Series 661, 5c and 10c. AU \$5.00 87 MPC Series 472, \$10 Position 50, Signed on back VF \$25.00 88 MPC Series 472, \$10 Position 45 Top right hand corner missing VF \$15.00 89 MPC Series 641, \$5 Position 5 VF \$40.00 90 MPC Series 681, 5c to \$5, six pieces. CU \$110.00 91 MPC Series 681, \$10, Position 27 VF \$45.00 92 MPC Series 681, \$20, Position 37 VF \$45.00 93 Minifest notes Complete set of nine notes from the 2007 Milwaukee ANA minifest \$15.00 y 94 Minifest notes Four notes from the 2005 CPMX minifest. 10 Sen, 50 Sen, I Yen and 5 Yen \$5.00 Y 95 Minifest notes Another set as above. \$5.00 Y 96 ANA Casino Cert. Casino Certificates from the 2006 ANA Atlanta Convention, \$5, \$25, and \$50 \$5.00 Y 97 Greece One Rpf German note for occupation of Greece Two stamps on back PM19 (SB148) CU but little ink on face from stamp on back \$30.00 98 Greece Five Rpf German note for occupation of

Greece Two stamps on back. PM20 (SB149) CU \$40.00 99 Algeria Two nice  
Algeria WWII 5 Franc notes. P91  
(SB1111) and P34a (SB1112) Both XF \$11.00 100 Germany One Hundred RM  
Sterergutshcein note. SB941 CU \$60.00 101 Safe Conduct Safe Conduct Pass  
for German troops  
signed by Eisenhower VF with a couple of small thins  
\$20.00 102 Greece Five Dracma note used during Italian  
occupation of Greece PM1 (SB461) CU \$35.00 103 Greece Ten Dracma note.  
Like above PM2 (SB462) CU \$40.00 104 Greece Fifty Dracma note. Like  
above PM3 (SB463) AU \$50.00 105 Greece One hundred Dracma. Like above  
PM4  
(SB464) CU \$60.00 106 Greece One thousand Dracma Large size note from  
Italian occupation of Greece PM6 (SB466) VF \$25.00 107 FGR One DM  
Special Army Currency with Circle "B"  
Stamp. Beautiful Uncirc. Note P2b (SB 652b1) \$150.00 108 German AMC One  
Half Mark German AMC Replacement  
note. Pick 191b (SB 181r) \$150.00 109 India One Rupee Hissar District  
Aeroplane War Fund  
Receipt 1941. w/ copy of booklet cover CU \$10.00 110 Savings Stamps  
Booklet pane of 10 (no tab), ten  
cent war saving stamps. \$20.00 111 Manchukuo Five Yen Agricultural  
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\$30.00 115 North Korea One Hundred Won Red Army Issue P4  
(SB414) VG \$40.00 116 Denmark Ten Danish encased 1 ore postage stamps,  
Advertisements on back. Nice starter group SB171  
\$35.00 117 Fiji Specimen of Fiji One shilling note. P40s (SB1372s1) CU  
\$125.00 118 Souvenir card 1987 ABNC Souvenir Card--200th  
Anniversary of US Constitution. Vignettes of  
Independence Hall and Five signers of the  
Constitution. New \$3.00 Y 119 Souvenir card 1980 ABNC Souvenir Card--\$3  
State of  
Kansas note on a Banknote Reporter card (Krause Pubs) New \$3.00 Y 120  
Souvenir card 1988 BEP Souvenir Card--ILNA, Back  
of 1915 \$10 Federal Reserve Bank Note (Farming and  
Industry) New \$3.00 Y 121 Souvenir card 1988 BEP Souvenir Card--FUN,  
Face  
of 50c Fractional Currency with William Crawford New  
\$3.00 Y 122 Guerrilla note Five centavo Mindanao 1943. PS491  
(Shafer MIN211) AU \$6.00 Y 123 Viet Nam 500 Dong P10 pin holes and some  
rust.Fine  
\$8.00 Y 124 Viet Nam 1 Dong transitional issue, small edge  
stain P40 VF \$1.00 Y 125 Souvenir note Memphis 2007, 10 Peso JIM  
replacement note. Oval stamp on face similar to  
JAPWANCAP stamp with added replacement serial number. Back features a  
large "MEMPHIS" stamp in red. Note is  
actually a replacement on a replacement. One of two  
known (one sold at Memphis in 2007 CU \$5.00 Y 126 China Ten cent  
Japanese Puppet Bank issue with  
dragon. PJ51 (SB1064) VF/EF Cat. Value \$35 \$20.00 127 Philippines 500  
Peso English Series, trimmed close

on right side P141. XF/AU CV \$100 in UNC \$40.00 128 Japan AMC One "B" Yen, Block D-D P67 (SB263d) CU \$12.00 129 Hardback book US Army in WWII, Civil Affairs:Soldiers Become Governors.by Coles and Weinberg from The Chief of Military History. Good condition \$5.00 Y 130 Auction Catalog A Philstamps catalog of the Eugene A Garrett collection from Oct 06. Lots of pictures of Japanese Occupation, POW Covers etc items. Good reference \$1.00 Y 131 Book Catalog University of Nebraska Press Military History book catalog. \$1.00 Y 132 Magazines Three recent issues of "America in WWII" Magazine. Interesting reading \$2.00 Y 133 Magazine Copy of "Financial History". Has an article about Liberty Loan Bonds. \$1.00 Y 134 Newsletters "Call to Duty" Newsletters of the National Museum of the US Army, Three issues Dec 06,Mar & Jun 07 plus an Army Newsletter (Salute) also USB A Member Briefing.from spring 07. and a bumper sticker for the National Museum of the US Army \$1.00 Y 135 Program Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fountain Dedication Program Kansas City, Mo. Sept 6, 1986 \$1.00 Y 136 Magazines Two issues of "On Point" from the Army Historical Foundation. Spring and Summer 07 \$2.00 Y 137 Mailing General Douglas Mac Arthur Foundation mailing in original stamped envelope \$1.00 Y 138 Commemorative Envelopes Four different commemorative envelopes for the Military Memorialization Project \$4.00 Y 139 Postcard Pictures the Monument of the first atomic bomb, Wendover, Nv. \$1.00 Y 140 MACV Card Currency Control Card from Vietnam. Someone has removed all information from it. \$2.00 Y 141 DVD New copy of DVD and booklet entitled US Navy Carriers from Weapons of War series \$3.00 Y 142 Patch Brand new US Marine Corps Presidents Helicopter Sqdn. Patch (Marine One) \$3.00 Y 143 Award Pin WWII "E" Award pin on the original presentation card naming an individual. \$2.00 Y 144 Money Belt New WWII Water Repellent Military Money Belt. \$3.00 Y 145 Pay Record WWII Soldiers' Individual Pay Record with 14 entries. Interesting \$5.00 Y 146 Checks Two Charity Checks to Help Hospitalized Veterans, Both the same \$1.00 Y 147 Check Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Check 2007 \$1.00 Y 148 Badge US Air Force Policeman's Badge. Found in Vietnam. Damaged \$1.00 Y 149 Medal WWII D-Day bronze commemorative medal, 25th Anniversary \$10.00 Y 150 Coasters Six Cold War Era German Beer Coasters Used \$1.00 Y 151 Photo Picture of President Roosevelt buying Treasury note \$5.00 Y 152 Short Snorters Twenty-one individual notes with names , statements, graffetti. Interesting group. \$2.00 Y 153 Italy AMG Allied Military Government Postage

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 Stamps from Venezia Giulia and Free Territory of Trieste. Small sample of 15 stamps \$8.00 Y 158 PX Token Five cent PX token from Eighth Army  
 Exchange Service. Ca 1950. AU (edge nick) Quite scarce \$10.00 Y 159 Philippines Two peso VICTORY star replacement note. VG \$50.00 Y 160 Japan AMC One B Yen replacement with H&A serial number. SB263ar Fine with some discoloration on back \$75.00 161 Japan AMC One B Yen with B&B serial number. Very small issue. SB263b. VF \$15.00 162 Germany AMC One-half Mark Russian print with dash line and no "F" printers mark SB191 Choice VF-EF \$120.00 163 Propaganda Propaganda note with face/back design of US \$10 gold certificate, used as safe conduct pass with back overprinted in German and Yugoslavian. Dated series 1943. Low grade but rare. \$30.00 Y 164 Gift Certificate One nights lodging at Port Clinton Holiday Inn Express. Three available. Bid one, buy one or three \$40.00 Y 165 Italy AMC Ten Lire 1943 BEP Cutting error--Edge of note below on sheet shows on this note. VF \$20.00 Y 166 Book Standard Guide to Small-Size U.S. Paper Money. Oakes/Schwartz 6th edition 2005 \$15.00 Y 167 Surprise lot Donation by Heritage Auction Galleries Y 168 Advertising notes Two \$4 notes, one each from Defense Personnel Support Ctr and one from Army Finance Ctr. CU \$4.00 Y 169 Various cards 1945 Ration card, 1941 War Gum Card, 1944 meal card, two calendar cards for crossing 180 meridian \$4.00 Y 170 Envelope Commemorative envelope for 75th anniv. Of Submarine Force with 5c 691 MPC with cnx Sep 24, 1975 \$4.00 Y We again want to express our sincere appreciation to many folks that donated lots to this auction which are to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Without your generous contributions this worthy cause can not be supported. We salute the following people and offer a hearty THANK YOU.  
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EDITORIAL =====

Larry has done his usual exceptional job in putting together this year's Fest Auction. As you can see

there are a variety of items listed and there should be something in the auction of interest to all. The letter "Y" after the minimum bid indicates the proceeds from the sale of the lot will be donated to the Scholarship Fund. Email bids can only be made to the Gram at mpcgram@yahoo.com; please indicate in the subject line of the email "auction bid" or similar wording. Email bidding will close at 2400 hours (Port Clinton time) on Friday, February 29th, 2008. Roger

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Dear Editor,

A few random thoughts . . .  
I assume that interment camps and Italian Service Units are included in the POW theme for the Fest.

There was a theme to last years Fest?

I am willing to reprise at the Fest my talk on Series E, F and G bonds that I gave at ANA last year. It is about 45 minutes long but can be pared down. I can skip much of the background since this will be a more knowledgeable audience. I also noted the Ebay auction for the Chambliss reprints and contacted the seller and received no response. I reported the auction to Ebay but to no avail.  
Jim Downey

Dear Gram,  
I disagree with Jim Downey. The seller says the MPCs are the Reference Copies not Copies. I interpret the term Reference Copies differently from Copies. To me Reference Copies are original notes that are used in the plates of a reference book, whereas copies are just ... well ... copies. In my opinion, this seller is still trying to pull a fast one.  
Ken Berger

Dear Gram,  
Quick follow up to Joe's article. We are indeed excited to offer these specimen books. What is particularly intriguing is that four are hand made. While any specimen book is hard to find, I have never previously seen any that were hand made. And of course the notes inside are terrific as well. Many thanks to Joe.  
We continue to look for more scarce/rare notes for



Memphis. Please contact me at 414-350-6980 or  
grbaypa@aol.com if there are items you would like to  
consign.  
Unfortunately, will not be able to attend the Fest;  
hopefully, one of these years not too long from now. All the best.  
Joel Shafer

Dear Gram,  
I have my POGs talk on power point and will bring it  
to the fest and can present it it desired.  
Bill Myers

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ANA National Money Show, Phoenix, Arizona  
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CPMX, Mar 27-30, Chicago  
Maastricht, April 4-6, Valkenburg, Netherlands

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1315-1325 sing along all personnel Kathy

1325-1630 show n tell all personnel 1SGs

1630-1745 show n tell all personnel 1SGs

1745-1800 nap individual

1800-1845 chow & Boling anniversary party all  
personnel Kim

1745-1900 Bond Drive VI (concurrent) interested  
collectors Warner

1900-1930 March Madness finals all personnel TBA

1930-1945 awards all personnel Ed Beaman

1945-1955 Poker training all players Brad

2000-2400 military poker game reenactment all  
personnel Brad

2000-2100 auction lot viewing (concurrent) all  
personnel Ski

2400 snack time (left overs) interested personnel  
Bill Y.

2400 canteen & casino close, lights out

2401 bed check

Sunday 2 March

0400-0600 10k run, 3k swim (ice permitting) all personnel 1SG

0700-0745 sick call (by appointment) all sickies  
Cuneyd

0730-0800 chow all personnel Kim

0700-0730 destruction of obsolete MFC select personnel  
Fred

0730-0830 auction lot viewing optional Ski

0845-1130 auction all personnel Ski

1100-1230 police call and early departures select  
personnel Sparky

1230-1315 chow all personnel mess sgts

1315-1500 field trip TBA, AMG postage seminar all  
interested personnel

1500-1800 pool party Jodi Foster

Monday 3 March

0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all remaining  
personnel Kim

1900 local poker game (FRNs required) select  
personnel

Tuesday 4 March

0700-0730 breakfast Holiday Inn

0730- final departuers applicable personnelbbbb

Coordinating instructions:

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6683 before March 20; after March 20 call clerk

(Schwan) at 419 732 7322 (Holiday Inn), or 419 349

1872 (Schwan cell phone) alternate cell 419 202 0106  
(Boss cell)

Auction items coordinator: Larry Smulczenski

skifla@cox.net

Exhibits contact joeboling@aol.com

Bond drive (blast): wtalso@aol.com

Remarks: Saturday poker game will be a Texas holdem  
tournament with \$25MFC buy in.

Holiday Inn Express, 50 NE Catawba Road, Port Clinton,  
Ohio 43452 419 732 7322 (remember, if you have a Fest  
reservation, you have a room reservation. Do not call  
to confirm, they have it.)

FEST REGISTRATIONS:

[As confirmed by Headquarters]

Dan and Kathy Freeland

Valerie May

Al Glaser

Fred and Judy Schwan

Brad Schwan

Martha and Rob Stevenson  
Jane and Warner Talso John Cheney  
Laura Guentensverger\*  
Jack Lippincott  
Harold Kroll  
Larry Smulczenski  
Steve Feller  
Ray Feller  
Keith Bauman (dealer not part of Fest)  
Larry Schuffman\*  
Bill Yanchick  
Gary Hicks  
Neil Shafer  
Bob Olsen  
Ian and Bella Marshall  
Brian Fanton\*  
Jim Downey  
William Myers  
David Seelye  
Joe and Louise Boling  
Ron Waddell  
Roger Urce  
Brett Irick  
Nick Schrier  
Jack Hunter  
Dave Hunsicker  
John Watta  
Steve Swoish  
Ed Beaman  
Doug Bell  
George Fitzgerald  
Karen Jach  
David Frank\*  
John and Mrs. Regitko  
Loretta and Dick Freyser  
Carlson Chambliss  
Adolf Witzke  
Dick and Mrs. Dunn  
Robert Drew  
Randy Poe\*

\* Indicates New Fester

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The following have tables at the Friday Bourse: Keith Bauman Joe Boling  
Brian Fanton Al Glaser Harold Kroll Jack Lippincott Ian Marshall BNR  
Press Dave Seelye Steve Swoish Bill Yanchick Carlson Chambliss  
Robert Drew

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For dealer Hot Contact list, ANA MPC museum holdings  
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POST / BASE EXCHANGE (PX/BX/NEX)

Dump your dupes! Your classified advertisement for items for sale, purchase or trade will be run here for free. Send your ads to the gram. This service is for everyone, most humble dealer or most advanced collector. The point is to make the gram more interesting. In all cases confirm your order via email first.

FOR SALE - Keith Bauman - TNA associates

Telephone 248 762 6654

email: tnaksbauman@earthlink.net

1. Series #641 and #651 seven note sets all Gem CU with excellent centering and full original embossing of the serial and position numbers.

The sets are all raw but if graded by PMG they would probably grade Gem EPQ.

Asking \$650 and \$1650 respectively for the sets described above. Scans will be sent on request or the sets will be available (contingent on a prior sale) at my bourse table at the MPC Fest on February 29th.

2. Series #472 \$1.00 1st printing Replacement Note with serial #C00456969 and position # 58. The note resides in a PMG holder graded Choice Uncirculated 64 EPQ which is the finest known (per PMG Pop Report). In addition to the full original embossing on the Serial and position numbers

the note has three essentially equal margins with the exception of the slightly smaller bottom margin which keeps it out of the Gem category. Price and Scans available on request or the note will be available (contingent on a prior sale) at my bourse table at the MPC Fest on February 29th.

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FOR SALE - David Seelye - thempcman@verizon.net

US Army Finance School Training notes Series 542

two note set of \$10 notes (red and brown) -  
uncirculated \$20/pair;

US Army Adjutant General School Training notes - complete set 5, 10, 25,  
50 cents plus \$1, \$5, \$10 and  
\$20 - uncirculated - \$125/set

\$5 FRN Propaganda note SB409/page 398 - skull on back  
with Arabic writing - scotch taped w/edge nicks  
\$75

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WANTED SECTION:

Collectors may submit lists of items wanted for their collections for listing here.

Wanted: 5 Lira NAAFI token (Italy) SB 351 pg.173  
email Roger Urce at stjasele@optonline.net  
with condition and asking price.

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Fest quarters (also known as Fest casino tokens, Fest quarters, and Harold' are available to Gramsters. These quarters are ideal give aways to promote the hobby. Additionally, they will be valid for spending at all Fests. 2007 Harolds can be purchased in rolls at \$6.25 per roll (face value (we knew that you would love this roll value!). Rolls are original, unsorted or searched just the way that they came from the Great Lakes Mint. As a courtesy we will also send four Harolds for a dollar bill and a self addressed stamped envelope. Send your orders to MPCFest Headquarters, 132 E. Second St., Port Clinton, Ohio 43452.  
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Series 9, No 1595 Friday, February 8th, 2008

Dear Gram,  
Sad news. Just this morning I was informed of the passing of someone many knew a long time...Clyde Reedy. Clyde was passionately interested and absorbed in his areas of specialty, Southeast Asian numismatics. His knowledge was deep, and he gladly



shared it with all who showed interest. I learned a great deal from him. In the 1970s, when my son Joel was just starting to learn about numismatics, he referred to Clyde as the "collector's dealer" because Clyde always took his research with him and never failed to show it to his customers, no matter how old or young. Only a few short years after the advent of the Standard Catalog, Clyde was at the forefront of research in Southeast Asia. For a long time he was generally recognized as the leading expert in Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, and French Indochina, and he diligently contributed his research to the Standard Catalog. In short, he was interested in far more than simply the economic windfall.

Clyde and I go back around 35 years, possibly more, and we had a great many numismatic interests in common. Back and forth, we bought and sold lots of all kinds of notes. I recall one instance where he surprised me by showing a strong interest in Colonial U.S. notes, and trading me for some I had available, so he was not strictly one-dimensional.

He also assisted me in various capacities while I was president of IBNS, and he remained active in helping to run the Society long afterwards. In recent years, Clyde was one of the most critical elements to the survival of this organization. He was chiefly responsible for the badly needed revised bylaws and chaired/steered the Nominations Committee through a difficult period. He was an outspoken advocate of this group and did all he possibly could to nurture it.

As far as his personality was concerned, Clyde NEVER did things halfway; he was not willing to "settle". It is certainly possible that some might not particularly like the way he did things, but he always made his stance clear, and more often than not he was right with what he said.

Certainly, one of Clyde's strengths was loyalty. If you were Clyde's friend, you were his FRIEND. If you were not....well, you just did not want to be at that end too often. In short, Clyde was "old school military". I have a feeling that while his years in the service certainly perpetuated that character, it was always there in him.

A couple of years ago his health began to fail. The last time we saw him was at Maastricht in 2005. Since then, although he had planned on attending various functions and conventions, he was not able to travel much at all.

Condolences to his wife Nancy and to all his family and friends who knew him so long and so well. We will surely miss him. Dear Clyde, Rest in Peace.

Neil and Joel Shafer

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EDITORIAL =====

I was not personally acquainted with Clyde Reedy and knew him only by reputation and from his dedication to the IBNS. It is quite apparent that he was a force in numismatics and that he was admired by many of his fellow collectors. Numismatics has suffered a great loss. I am sure there will be a number of articles and tributes written about him in the near future in numismatic publications. Here at the Gram we have the advantage of getting information and news out very quickly. This applies to the good news as well as the bad. - Roger

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Hi Fred,

Just got some sad news. Nancy sent me an email that Clyde Reedy passed away last night. Thought you should know and that maybe an appropriate mention would be made in the Gram, due to his long-standing association with IBNS.

Tony Pisciotta

Dear Editor,

Clyde M Reedy, of Jacksonville, Florida, died of cancer on the evening of 7 February 2008. He was approximately 65 years old and had been collecting paper money for over thirty years. I met Clyde in 1976 when I was attending a computer course at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. At that time he was the post engineer. I don't recall how we first ran into each other, as he was at that time not yet a numismatist. I showed him the portions of my collection that were with me (not much, since I was attending a three-month course and had left most of my materials in Seattle), but I also invited him to attend a coin show. It was the annual Penn-Ohio show, in Cincinnati that year. It was his first coin show. I showed him the kinds of items I was buying, and introduced him to some dealers, and he was hooked. From early on he decided to specialize in Indochina/Vietnam, becoming a rival of Howard Daniel in searching out treasures from that part of the world. I also introduced him to the International Bank Note Society, of which he was member 2778 (IBNS numbers now have passed 10000). Through many years Clyde held several officerships in the IBNS, including its

presidency. He also edited the IBNS newsletter from 1980-1986. In "real life" Clyde was an Army officer. Having graduated from MIT with an engineering degree, he entered the Corps of Engineers, from which he retired in the early 1990s as a lieutenant colonel. Following the Army he became a full-time paper money dealer, setting up at shows along the east coast. He also went to the Maastricht paper money show many times. On the way home from a show in Cherry Hill, NJ one year, his stock was stolen from his car while he was having a meal - an example to us all of the hazards of traveling to numismatic events. Quoting David Carew, "he was a powerhouse with IBNS interests at heart." Among many tasks that he undertook for the IBNS was a comprehensive revision of the bylaws. As an example of his ability to think "outside the box," he proposed several years ago that IBNS become a United Nations-recognized non-governmental organization (NGO) representing paper money collectors. He was unable to get any other officers to sign on to this vision of universality. Clyde had little patience with people who did not think for themselves, and there have been some disagreements between him and other collectors that are near-legendary. But I never heard anyone say that Clyde was insincere, hypocritical, or was looking out only for his own interests. As the incumbent IBNS second-VP, his responsibilities included all manner of membership-related issues. He will be missed - he already has been, in the months since he became ill and had to wind down his participation in IBNS affairs. RIP, Clyde Reedy.  
Joe Boling

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#### Military Scholarship Fund

> Scholarship coordinators Dan & Kathy Freeland wish  
> to remind interested readers that scholarship  
> applications need to be in their hands by February  
> 22, 2008. Winners of the scholarships will be  
> announced Sunday , March 2nd, at Fest headquarters.  
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> 2008 Military Numismatists Scholarship Fund  
> Supporting the Military Money Seminar at the  
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> content and overall success of the course.  
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> Basic Course: It will emphasize World War II, plus  
> all series of U.S. military payment certificates.  
> Worldwide war-related emissions by all powers  
> (Allied, Axis, and neutral) will be treated,  
> including those for overrun areas and puppet  
> governments, fighting forces, liberation  
> governments, and post- war occupations. Paper  
> money, bonds, coins, and medals will be covered.  
> Conflicts since WWII will be covered lightly. The  
> segment on MPCs will be about 30% of the course, and  
> will cover all aspects of their production, use, and

> collection.

> Advanced Course: For students who have completed  
> the basic Military Numismatics Course (or have  
> permission of the instructors) an advanced "graduate  
> seminar" style class runs concurrently with the  
> basic class. Advanced course students, in addition  
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> Eligibility: Anyone having a passion for military  
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> based on information and responses to questions in  
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> apply. Inquires and/or applications can be sent to  
> ksfdaf@sbcglobal.net

> Past scholarship recipients are welcome to apply  
> again, but will automatically be considered advanced  
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> reimbursement. Further, past recipients must  
> clearly justify why they should be considered for  
> another scholarship. Preference will be given to  
> "basic course," first-time applicants. No one shall  
> be awarded more than two scholarships from this  
> program.

> Costs Covered: The award of a scholarship carries a  
> maximum value of \$1000 (USD.) \$699 (you must  
> register by March 31 or you will pay an additional  
> \$50) covers tuition which includes the class, a room  
> in Loomis Dormitory (double occupancy) for six  
> nights (Saturday to Friday), all of your meals and  
> free airport shuttles, picking up and returning  
> Seminar students to the Colorado Springs Airport. The scholarship will  
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> maximum of \$301. Reimbursement for "extraordinary"  
> travel expenses will be considered on a case by case  
> basis (for example: those traveling from overseas)  
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> ANA at individual expense if not already a member. A one-year  
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> Submitting an Application: To apply for a  
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> to Military Numismatists Scholarship, c/o Dan or  
> Kathy Freeland, PO Box 195, Mayville, MI 48744,

> U.S.A. or ksfdaf@sbcglobal.net  
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> Name  
> Address  
> Phone Number  
> E-mail address Numismatic clubs which you participate in (include  
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Significant numismatic exhibits (and awards.)

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> What do you hope to gain from attending this  
> seminar?

> Describe contributions you can make to the success  
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> The information you provide in your application is  
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> final.

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> Recipients are requested to volunteer for service to  
> future scholarship programs and are expected to  
> write at least one report of the experience for  
> publication in a numismatic journal. Award of a  
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> Please have applications in the hands of the  
> Freeland's by February 22, 2008. For applicants  
> outside the US requiring invitations for visas,  
> please coordinate your needs with the scholarship  
> chairman early.

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> Making donations to the scholarship fund: Donations  
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> support the scholarship. Items donated are  
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EDITORIAL =====

Roger certainly has been doing a great job. I am sure that you will agree with me on that. It is not often that I can expect such universal agreement, but I think that this is one of those cases.

In spite of the great job, we need help. Of course we

are always looking for articles, news, letters to the editor, show reports, and the like. However, in this case we need help from a techie! Currently Roger is sending out the Gram using four or five address lists at Yahoo. Each list is limited to 100 addresses and only one list can be sent per hour so sending the Gram is a several hour process. There just has to be a way around this problem. Who can help? Write to Roger at MPCGram@yahoo.com.

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Dear Editor,  
Whoever created the CPMX 2007 MFC notes, I would like a little info regarding the number printed, distribution, etc. Thanks for your help. Al Glaser  
thepapertrader@verizon.net

Dear Editor,  
When I was introduced to this hobby at the first Summer Seminar, it was impressed upon me (big time!) by the instructors (Messrs. Boling and Schwan) that one should be precise in the use of terminology to ensure accurate communications. With that in mind, I note the below Letter to the Editor introduces a term that is new to me - "reference copy". The author then goes on to say that he "interprets" the term. That raised a red flag. Standard terms require no interpretation. Then the statement: "Reference Copies are original notes" . Whoa! Copies are copies. Period. How can they be original notes? My point being that use of imprecise or nonstandard terms can really muddy the water!  
Warner

Dear Gram  
For sale at MPCFest, a book by Alain Debelder on Belgian Notgeld 1914-1946 priced in Euros. I have 4 copies I will be bringing to MPCFest IX. They are \$55.00 each delivered at the Fest!. David E. Seelye  
thempcman@verizon.net

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March 7-9  
CPMX, Mar 27-30, Chicago  
Maastricht, April 4-6, Valkenburg, Netherlands

Fest IX Training  
Schedule  
ALL PERSONNEL

Date/time Activity Personnel Trainer  
Tue 26 Feb  
0830-0900 Breakfast  
@ Holiday Inn all personnel KIm  
0930-1700 work detail arrives Ski, Harold, Fred The Boss

Wed 27 Feb  
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0930-1700 Fest Preparation work detail Fred

1700-2300 Fish Fry Jolly Roger The Bos

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Thursday 28 February  
0800-1900 hotel registration individuals Kim  
0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all personnel Kim  
0930-1700 Bourse preparations select personnel  
David  
1900-2100 bourse banquet @ Big Boppers all available  
Judy, Ken  
2100-2400 bowling challenge all available Doug  
Bell  
2400- bull session/swap meet all available Ski

Friday 29 February  
0800-1900 hotel registration individuals Kim  
0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all personnel Kim  
0830-1000 bourse set up work detail and dealers  
David  
1000 bourse and Fest registration open all personnel  
Loretta  
1000-1800 bourse all available David  
auction submission/viewing all interested Ski  
1730-1900 new Fester training new Festers Doug,  
Warner  
1800-1930 chow all personnel Kim  
1900-1930 exhibits installed exhibitors Joe  
2000-2030 pay call by company paymasters  
2200-2300 February madness round 1 all personnel  
TBA  
2300-2330 bull session by company 1SGs  
2330 exhibits must be removed exhibitors Joe

2331 px, canteen closed, casino Dick  
2400 lights out by company 1SGs

Saturday 1 March

0400-0600 10k run, 3k swim (ice permitting) all  
personnel 1SG  
0730-0830 chow all personnel Kim  
0800-0830 sick call sick and lame Cuneyd  
0830-0845 bn picture mess hall Hardies  
0845-0915 autograph party all personnel (bring short  
snorters) Fred  
0915-1100 show n tell all personnel 1SG  
1100-1230 March Madness all personnel TBA  
1245-1315 chow all personnel Kim  
1315-1325 sing along all personnel Kathy  
1325-1630 show n tell all personnel 1SGs  
1630-1745 show n tell all personnel 1SGs  
1745-1800 nap individual  
1800-1845 chow & Boling anniversary party all  
personnel Kim  
1745-1900 Bond Drive VI (concurrent) interested  
collectors Warner  
1900-1930 March Madness finals all personnel TBA  
1930-1945 awards all personnel Ed Beaman  
1945-1955 Poker traning all players Brad  
2000-2400 military poker game reenactment all  
personnel Brad  
2000-2100 auction lot viewing (concurrent) all  
personnel Ski  
2400 snack time (left overs) interested personnel  
Bill Y.  
2400 canteen & casino close, lights out  
2401 bed check

Sunday 2 March

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0700-0745 sick call (by appointment) all sickies  
Cuneyd  
0730-0800 chow all personnel Kim  
0700-0730 destruction of obsolete MFC select personnel  
Fred  
0730-0830 auction lot viewing optional Ski  
0845-1130 auction all personnel Ski  
1100-1230 police call and early departures select  
personnel Sparky  
1230-1315 chow all personnel mess sgts  
1315-1500 field trip TBA, AMG postage seminar all  
interested personnel  
1500-1800 pool party Jodi Foster

Monday 3 March

0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all remaining  
personnel Kim

1900 local poker game (FRNs required) select personnel

Tuesday 4 March  
0700-0730 breakfast Holiday Inn  
0730- final departuers applicable personnelbbbb

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Series 9, No 1597 Monday, February 11th, 2008

Freedom Shares  
by David Klinger

This is a quote from a 1968 newspaper advertisement I found recently:

"America needs your help. When you buy Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares, you do an important job for freedom, backing our men in Vietnam and helping to keep our country economically strong. The need is urgent. What you do counts."

These Freedom Shares, officially called Savings Notes, were available only in combination with Series E bonds of the same or greater denominations as a way to encourage individuals to save and invest in U.S.



Treasury savings securities. They were first offered in May 1967 and were withdrawn from sale as of October, 1970. All Savings Notes have reached final maturity and should be cashed in. Freedom Shares were issued in four denominations, with the first character of the serial number as follows: \$25-Q, \$50-L, \$75-K, \$100-C. These Savings Notes look similar to US Savings Bonds, except that the vignette to the left is the head of Liberty, and the center vignette is of the Capital dome. And, of course, the name at the top reads 'Savings Note'. The advertisement went on to further describe the program:

"Americans have put their savings to work for freedom through U.S. Savings Bonds for many years. New Freedom Shares do the same thing...plus. Freedom Shares are U.S. Savings Notes. They pay a higher return than Savings Bonds, 4.74% when held to maturity. And they mature in just four-and-a-half years. These new Freedom Shares - which are not redeemable for the first year - are offered on a one-for-one basis with E Bonds, but only to people who belong to the Payroll Savings Plan, or Bond -a-month Plan where they bank." I know many of you have previously heard of these Freedom Shares, but I wanted to share these additional details. You can view the advertisement here: <http://tinyurl.com/2be88w>

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EDITORIAL =====

Warner's letter prompted me to do a little research on a Camp Upton, named for Civil War Union general Emory Upton. The camp is located on the eastern half of Long Island in Yaphank in the middle of Suffolk County, NY. It was first established in 1917 as a training center for WW I troops, 37,000 of which passed through on their way overseas. Composer Irving Berlin was one of those dough-boys.

Between the wars, the camp was used by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and in 1921 many of its over 1600 buildings were relocated to other camps in other parts of the country.

The camp was reopened in 1940 as a military training ground and in 1944 was used as a military hospital and a POW camp which housed 500 German prisoners. The camp was closed after the war.

I find it interesting to note that prior to and at the beginning of WW II, the Yaphank area was home to The German American Bund and Hitler youth groups and that streets in the area featured the names of then prominent Nazis such as Hitler and Goebbels. (they have since been changed)

It would seem that a camp of this size, especially one used for POWs, would have some numismatic issues.

To date, I have not been able to find any reference to  
chits, meal vouchers, camp money or the like. The  
area of the former camp is now part of the Brookhaven  
National Laboratory which is a restricted area. More  
research is needed - Roger

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Mail Call: Send mail to mpcgram@yahoo.com

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Dear Gram,

In keeping with the theme of this years FEST, I note a  
recent discovery. There apparently was a POW camp in  
Albuquerque, New Mexico. See  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camp\\_Albuquerque](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camp_Albuquerque)  
This, of course, is of interest to me because I live  
here.  
Does anyone know any more about this camp?  
Warner

Dear Gram,

I have a contact that has POGs to sell. He has the  
following:

complete AAFES POGs set \$350  
complete EFI 1st printing set \$250  
Trays:  
5 cent--4th print-2 ea---5th print- 2 each--7th  
print--1 each  
\$40.00 each  
10 cent-7th print-1 each--8th print--2 each  
\$80.00 each  
25 cent--7th print--\$140.00 each  
I can bring them to the fest if you are interested or  
let him know your are interested.  
Bill Myers  
william.myers@us.army.mil

Dear Esteemed Editor,

This is a note to Jim Downey that auction lot 151 is  
more than it reads and WILL be of interest to him.  
I returned last night to my townhouse office here in  
Saigon after a week in the Mekong Delta for the Tet  
holidays. I almost feel like I have been reborn after  
being without the Internet for a week!  
The Master Sergeant Daniel  
(HADaniel3@msn.com)  
[With this hype I can't wait to see the picture-Roger]

Dear Gram:

I will not be able to make it to the Fest this year. But I would like to place an absentee bid on Neil Shafer's book. As a matter of fact I talked with him at the last Fest about trying to get a copy. Please let me know. Thanks!!!!!!!!!!

George Slade

[Dear George - you can send you bid to mpcgram@yahoo.com and it will be forwarded to the auctioneer. Be sure to put the words "auction bid" in the subject line - Roger]

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Jack Lippincott  
Harold Kroll  
Larry Smulczenski  
Steve Feller  
Ray Feller  
Keith Bauman (dealer not part of Fest)  
Larry Schuffman\*  
Bill Yanchick  
Gary Hicks  
Neil Shafer  
Bob Olsen  
Ian and Bella Marshall  
Brian Fanton\*  
Jim Downey  
William Myers  
David Seelye  
Joe and Louise Boling  
Ron Waddell  
Roger Urce  
Brett Irick  
Nick Schrier  
Jack Hunter  
Dave Hunsicker  
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Steve Swoish  
Ed Beaman  
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FOR SALE - Keith Bauman - TNA associates  
Telephone 248 762 6654  
email: tnaksbauman@earthlink.net

1. Series #641 and #651 seven note sets all Gem CU with excellent centering and full original embossing of the serial and position numbers.  
The sets are all raw but if graded by PMG they would probably grade Gem EPQ.  
Asking \$650 and \$1650 respectively for the sets described above. Scans will be sent on request or the sets will be available (contingent on a prior sale) at my bourse table at the MPC Fest on February 29th.

2. Series #472 \$1.00 1st printing Replacement Note with serial #C00456969 and position # 58. The note resides in a PMG holder graded Choice Uncirculated 64 EPQ which is the finest known (per PMG Pop Report). In addition to the full original embossing on the Serial and position numbers  
the note has three essentially equal margins with the exception of the slightly smaller bottom margin which keeps it out of the Gem category. Price and Scans available on request or the note will be available (contingent on a prior sale) at my bourse table at the MPC Fest on February 29th.

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FOR SALE - David Seelye - thempcman@verizon.net  
US Army Finance School Training notes Series 542  
two note set of \$10 notes (red and brown) -  
uncirculated \$20/pair;

US Army Adjutant General School Training notes - complete set 5, 10, 25,  
50 cents plus \$1, \$5, \$10 and  
\$20 - uncirculated - \$125/set

\$5 FRN Propaganda note SB409/page 398 - skull on back  
with Arabic writing - scotch taped w/edge nicks  
\$75

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WANTED SECTION:

Collectors may submit lists of items wanted for their

collections for listing here.

Wanted: 5 Lira NAAFI token (Italy) SB 351 pg.173  
email Roger Urce at stjasele@optonline.net  
with condition and asking price.

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Series 9, No 1598 Tuesday, February 12th, 2008

Fest movie night,  
by Joe Boling

The battalion clerk has decided that we will have a movie offered during the poker game, for those not participating in the poker tournament. Kim will have the hardware - Boling has been appointed as movie officer. What we need is for potential viewers to specify their preferences for movies. Following is a list of movies accessible for the event. Please email Boling (joeboling@aol.com) with your three choices for a movie; Boling will tabulate the votes and bring the most popular choices:

1776  
1941  
300  
The 39 Steps  
The 47 Ronin  
The Adventures of Robin Hood  
The Alamo  
All the King's Men (Gallipoli)  
The Americanization of Emily  
Apocalypse Now  
Band of Brothers  
The Battle of Britain  
The Battleship Potemkin  
Beau Geste  
Ben-Hur  
The Big Red One  
Billy Budd  
Black and White in Color  
Black Book  
Black Hawk Down  
The Bounty  
The Bridge on the River Kwai  
A Bridge too Far  
Casablanca  
Cold Mountain  
Come See the Paradise  
Desert Triumph

Doctor Zhivago  
Dr. Strangelove  
Enemy at the Gates  
Escape from Sobibor  
A Farewell to Arms  
A Few Good Men  
The Final Countdown  
Flags of Our Fathers  
Fort Apache  
The Four Feathers  
The Four Musketeers  
The General Died at Dawn  
Gladiator  
The Glenn Miller Story  
Gone with the Wind  
Good Morning, Vietnam  
The Great Escape  
The Great Locomotive Chase  
The Great Raid  
Gunga Din  
Hamburger Hill  
Hannibal  
Hearts and Minds  
Henry V  
Horatio Hornblower - Duty  
Horatio Hornblower - Loyalty  
The Human Condition  
In Harm's Way  
Incident at Vichy  
Ivanhoe  
Jarhead  
Khartoum  
King Rat  
Kingdom of Heaven  
A Knight's Tale  
The Last Emperor  
The Last of the Mohicans  
Lawrence of Arabia  
Letters from Iwo Jima  
Live from Baghdad  
The Lives of a Bengal Lancer  
The Lost Battalion  
M\*A\*S\*H  
Macbeth  
The Magnificent Seven  
The Man in the Glass Booth  
The Man Who Knew Too Much  
Masada  
Master and Commander  
Memphis Belle  
Men of Honor  
The Messenger  
The Missiles of October  
Mrs. Henderson Presents

Mutiny on the Bounty (Brando)  
Napoleon  
An Officer and a Gentleman  
On the Beach  
The Patriot  
Pearl Harbor  
Platoon  
The Professionals  
Quest for Fire  
Quigley Down Under  
Raiders of the Lost Ark  
The Right Stuff  
The Royal Hunt of the Sun  
The Sand Pebbles  
Schindler's List  
The Seven Samurai  
She Wore a Yellow Ribbon  
Shenandoah  
Shoah  
Stillwell Road  
Tea with Mussolini  
They Were Expendable  
Three Kings  
The Three Musketeers  
To End All Wars  
Tora! Tora! Tora!  
Troy  
Twelve O'Clock High  
U-571  
United 93  
Verna: USO Girl  
The War (Ken Burns)  
War and Peace  
We Were Soldiers  
The Windtalkers  
Women of Valor

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EDITORIAL  
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Another Fest inovation - a free movie! Wait, did I say free? There is an underlying question here: Would our benovolent and humble battalion clerk, out of the goodness of his heart, treat Festers to a free movie? To paraphrase Sherlock Holmes, me thinks something is afoot. We Festers do, however, have a choice: we can watch/participate in the poker game and probably see Ray Feller take it all home again, or we can get a bag of popcorn (maybe that's free) and watch a good movie. A poll question: will the movie really be "free?"  
I think the movie is a good idea, unless of course

it's a drive-in. So get your three choices into Joe so he can make his tabulation and have the choices on hand. - Roger

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Mail Call: Send mail to mpcgram@yahoo.com  
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Dear Gram (and Warner),  
There was a branch POW camp in Albuquerque that housed about 125 prisoners from Oct 1944 to March 1946. It was physically located on Kirkland Army Air Field and the prisoners worked on the base and in the community in agriculture. There are no known chits issued from this location. This branch camp was part of the main base camp at Roswell. Roswell did issue chits and they could have been used by the POW's at Kirkland. I know of two issues of POW chits from Roswell and a third that is from the internment camp there. Larry Smulczenski

Dear Esteemed Editor,  
In last year's Fest auction, I donated a lot with a picture of the POW Camp someone was asking about in a recent Gram.  
The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Gram,  
Nothing numismatic in the article, but could be of interest to the readers.

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap\\_travel/20071213/ap\\_tr\\_ge/travel\\_brief\\_internment\\_camps;\\_ylt=Aj5N8ad63VgLUQLQBAonMAys0NUE](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap_travel/20071213/ap_tr_ge/travel_brief_internment_camps;_ylt=Aj5N8ad63VgLUQLQBAonMAys0NUE)  
Cheers,  
Mark C. Watson  
[The article deals with a Japanese internment camp in Colorado and the attempt to preserve it. It is worth the read - Roger]

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Roger Urce

Brett Irick

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Jack Hunter

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John Watta

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Who the heck was KILROY??,  
By Keith Bauman  
KILROY WAS HERE!

In 1946 the American Transit Association, through its radio program, "Speak to America ," sponsored a nationwide contest to find the REAL Kilroy, offering a prize of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the genuine article.

Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but only James Kilroy from Halifax , Massachusetts had evidence of his identity.

Kilroy was a 46-year old shipyard worker during the war. He worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy . His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were on piecework and got paid by the rivet.

Kilroy would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark.

Later on, an off-shift inspector would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters.

One day Kilroy's boss called him into his office. The foreman was upset about all the wages being paid to riveters, and asked him to investigate. It was then that he realized what had been going on.

The tight spaces he had to crawl in to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with the waxy chalk. He continued to put his checkmark on each job he inspected, but added KILROY WAS HERE in king-sized letters next to the check, and eventually added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence and that became part of the Kilroy message. Once he did that, the riveters stopped trying to wipe away his marks.

Ordinarily the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy Yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them.

As a result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced. His message apparently rang a bell with the servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific. Before the war's end, "Kilroy" had been here, there, and everywhere on the long haul to Berlin and Tokyo . To the unfortunate troops outbound in those ships, however, he was a complete mystery; all they knew for sure was that some jerk named Kilroy had "been there first." As a joke, U.S. servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived.

Kilroy became the U.S. super-GI who had always "already been" wherever GIs went. It became a challenge to place the logo in the most unlikely places imaginable (it is said to be atop Mt. Everest , the Statue of Liberty , the underside of the Arch De Triumphe, and even scrawled in the dust on the moon.) And as the war went on, the legend grew. Underwater demolition teams routinely sneaked ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific to map the terrain for the coming invasions by U.S. troops (and thus, presumably, were the first GI's there). On one

occasion, however, they reported seeing enemy troops painting over the Kilroy logo! In 1945, an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill at the Potsdam conference.

The first person inside was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide (in Russian), "Who is Kilroy?" ..

[I don't know if I buy this one - Roger]

To help prove his authenticity in 1946, James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters. He won the trolley car, which he gave it to his nine children as a Christmas gift and set it up as a playhouse in the Kilroy front yard in Halifax , Massachusetts .

So now You Know!

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EDITORIAL  
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Any of us who have been in the military, and even those who were not, are surely familiar with Kilroy. But how many of us know the whole story. I can tell

you that I, for one, did(do) not. I recall looking at World War II newspapers and cartoon books featuring

"Sad Sack", the hapless GI who never got a break, that were part of what my father had from the war. Those publications were my first memory of old Kilroy.

While in the Navy in Asia I remember the eyes and large nose on some of the gunboats on the Mekong River. Kilroy has been popular with servicemen since the 40's.

The internet encyclopedia WIKIPEDIA has some great information on Kilroy (see:[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/kilroy\\_was\\_here](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/kilroy_was_here)) which is worth the read. Apparently the cartoon

appeared prior to the words "Kilroy was here". The editor of America in World War II, James Kushlan, uses the Kilroy cartoon as part of his editorial signature

- Roger

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Mail Call: Send mail to [mpcgram@yahoo.com](mailto:mpcgram@yahoo.com)  
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Dear Editor, The juices are starting to flow along with an occasional short adrenaline shot in the arm about fest IX. As usual still trying to get all things done but I fear a bit of Fred has rubbed off over the years and it will be down to the wire before completing all projects.

With all the folks coming in from all over the



country, I would pass along this info received today in an e-mail, very interesting if it works.

> From a friend in Nashville, sounds interesting, if true.

#### 5 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW YOUR CELL PHONE COULD DO

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

##### FIRST

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobiles is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile; network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

##### SECOND

Have you locked your keys in the car? Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their cell phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Save someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other "remote" for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk). Editor's Note: It works fine! We tried it out and it unlocked our car over a cell phone!"

##### THIRD

Hidden Battery Power Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys \*3370# your cell will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell next time.

##### FOURTH

How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone? To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following digits on your phone: \* # 0 6 #. A 15- digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. When your phone gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will

then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

#### FIFTH

Free Directory Service for Cells: Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial: (800) FREE 411, or (800) 373-3411 without incurring any charge at all. Enjoy the read, see Y'all at the fest!!!!!! Cheers, mpckid

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March 7-9  
CPMX, Mar 27-30, Chicago  
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Judy, Ken  
2100-2400 bowling challenge all available Doug  
Bell  
2400- bull session/swap meet all available Ski

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0830-1000 bourse set up work detail and dealers  
David  
1000 bourse and Fest registration open all personnel  
Loretta  
1000-1800 bourse all available David  
    auction submission/viewing all interested Ski  
1730-1900 new Fester training new Festers Doug,  
Warner  
1800-1930 chow all personnel Kim  
1900-1930 exhibits installed exhibitors Joe  
2000-2030 pay call by company paymasters  
2200-2300 February madness round 1 all personnel  
TBA  
2300-2330 bull session by company 1SGs  
2330 exhibits must be removed exhibitors Joe  
2331 px, canteen closed, casino Dick  
2400 lights out by company 1SGs

Saturday 1 March

0400-0600 10k run, 3k swim (ice permitting) all  
personnel 1SG  
0730-0830 chow all personnel Kim  
0800-0830 sick call sick and lame Cuneyd  
0830-0845 bn picture mess hall Hardies  
0845-0915 autograph party all personnel (bring short  
snorters) Fred  
0915-1100 show n tell all personnel 1SG  
1100-1230 March Madness all personnel TBA  
1245-1315 chow all personnel Kim  
1315-1325 sing along all personnel Kathy  
1325-1630 show n tell all personnel 1SGs  
1630-1745 show n tell all personnel 1SGs  
1745-1800 nap individual  
1800-1845 chow & Boling anniversary party all  
personnel Kim  
1745-1900 Bond Drive VI (concurrent) interested  
collectors Warner  
1900-1930 March Madness finals all personnel TBA  
1930-1945 awards all personnel Ed Beaman  
1945-1955 Poker training all players Brad  
2000-2400 military poker game reenactment all  
personnel Brad

2000-2100 auction lot viewing (concurrent) all  
personnel Ski  
2400 snack time (left overs) interested personnel  
Bill Y.  
2400 canteen & casino close, lights out  
2401 bed check

Sunday 2 March

0400-0600 10k run, 3k swim (ice permitting) all  
personnel 1SG  
0700-0745 sick call (by appointment) all sickies  
Cuneyd  
0730-0800 chow all personnel Kim  
0700-0730 destruction of obsolete MFC select personnel  
Fred  
0730-0830 auction lot viewing optional Ski  
0845-1130 auction all personnel Ski  
1100-1230 police call and early departures select  
personnel Sparky  
1230-1315 chow all personnel mess sgts  
1315-1500 field trip TBA, AMG postage seminar all  
interested personnel  
1500-1800 pool party Jodi Foster

Monday 3 March

0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all remaining  
personnel Kim  
1900 local poker game (FRNs required) select  
personnel

Tuesday 4 March

0700-0730 breakfast Holiday Inn  
0730- final departuers applicable personnelbbbb

Coordinating instructions:

Problems etc contact the battalion clerk at 419 732  
6683 before March 20; after March 20 call clerk  
(Schwan) at 419 732 7322 (Holiday Inn), or 419 349  
1872 (Schwan cell phone) alternate cell 419 202 0106  
(Boss cell)

Auction items coordinator: Larry Smulczenski  
skifla@cox.net

Exhibits contact joeboling@aol.com

Bond drive (blast): wtalso@aol.com

Remarks: Saturday poker game will be a Texas holdem  
tournament with \$25MFC buy in.

Holiday Inn Express, 50 NE Catawba Road, Port Clinton,  
Ohio 43452 419 732 7322 (remember, if you have a Fest  
reservation, you have a room reservation. Do not call  
to confirm, they have it.)

FEST REGISTRATIONS:

[As confirmed by Headquarters]

Dan and Kathy Freeland

Valerie May

Al Glaser

Fred and Judy Schwan

Brad Schwan

Martha and Rob Stevenson

Jane and Warner Talso John Cheney

Laura Guentensverger\*

Jack Lippincott

Harold Kroll

Larry Smulczenski

Steve Feller

Ray Feller

Sue & Keith Bauman (dealer not part of Fest)

Larry Schuffman\*

Bill Yanchick

Gary Hicks

Neil Shafer

Bob Olsen

Ian and Bella Marshall

Brian Fanton\*

Jim Downey

William Myers

David Seelye

Joe and Louise Boling

Ron Waddell

Roger Urce

Brett Irick

Nick Schrier

Jack Hunter

Dave Hunsicker

John Watta

Steve Swoish

Ed Beaman

Doug Bell

George Fitzgerld

Karen Jach

David Frank\*

John and Mrs. Regitko

Loretta and Dick Freyser

Carlson Chambliss

Adolf Witzke

Dick and Mrs. Dunn

Robert Drew

Randy Poe\*

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Saar Marks,  
by Jim Downey

One of the unsettled questions at the end of WWII was the status of the Saar region of Germany. The Saar is located in the southwestern part of modern Germany. It was significant for its large coal deposits. At the end of WWI, the Saar was put under the control of the League of Nations under a 15 year mandate. Operation of the coal mines was given to France as part of the reparations from Germany for WWI. A plebiscite in the area was held in January 1935 when the League mandate ended. Over 90% of the residents voted to incorporate the Saar into Germany. After WWII, the Saar again came under French control as part of the French zone of occupation of Germany. The French immediately began a campaign to form an economic union between the Saar and France. In early 1946, the French imposed stringent controls over German currency in the Saar. In November 1946, a customs barrier was established between the French occupation zone and the Saar further isolating the region from Germany. The French also sent considerable amounts of supplies into the region to win over its inhabitants. In May 1947, the French announced their plan for the introduction of the French franc as the unit of

currency in the Saar. At this time, Reichsmarks, Allied Military Marks and French military francs were in use in the Saar. The Plan called for the creation of the Saar Mark. The Saar Mark would be exchanged on a one-to-one basis for Reichsmarks and Allied Military Marks. After a short period of time, the Saar Marks would be converted into francs. The purpose of the transitional Saar Mark was to prevent speculators from sending large amounts of Reichsmarks into the region to convert them into francs. On June 15, 1947, the Saar Mark was introduced. Residents had only a brief period to exchange their currency holdings into Saar Marks. All Reichsmarks and Allied Military Marks were recalled and no longer valid in the region. In October 1947, regional elections were held in the Saar in which candidates who supported economic union with France were swept into office. On November 14, 1947, the French parliament voted to replace the Saar Mark with the French franc. Conversion of the Saar Mark to francs began on November 20, 1947. The conversion rate was 1 Saar Mark = 20 francs. The Saar Mark remained as legal tender until February 1948. The official status of the Saarland remained unsettled until 1956. In 1954, Germany and France established a plan for the independence of the Saar. This was rejected by the inhabitants of the region. France and West Germany reached an agreement in 1956 that permitted the Saar to be re-incorporated into Germany. This was done formally on January 1, 1957. Saar Mark notes were issued in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 50 and 100 Marks. They were printed in France and have the customary French pastel appearance. The Saar Mark notes are relatively scarce. Their low survival rate can be attributed to a number of factors particularly:

- (1) the short period they were issued,
- (2) the limited area in which they were issued, and (3) the favorable exchange rate with the franc which encouraged their redemption.

The Saar Mark notes are listed in the Pick Catalogs under the Saar and in World War II Remembered under the sub-heading of the Saarland in the section for France.

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EDITORIAL  
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Fest IX officially begins two weeks from today. See

the Training Schedule for pre-Fest activities. Also please see the scholarship letter below and make sure you have your request in if you wish to attend the Summer Seminar.

My information from our movie officer Joe Boling is that 18 requests for Fest Movie Night have been submitted to date. If you want to see a particular movie, send Joe your request at joeboling@aol.com.

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Dear Editor,  
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Sincerely,  
Dan & Kathy Freeland

Dear Editor,  
My choice for the Fest move is South Pacific.  
The Boss

Dear Editor,  
The POW presentation this year would be of particular interest to me as Larry and David are presenting a program. Unfortunatley I won't be able to attend, but will definitely try and make Fest X, the Good Lord willing. Good luck with Fest IX.  
Robbie

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Series 9, No 1601 Monday, February 18th, 2008

I went to a library book sale and found 2 soft cover 96 page books. They are the same except one is in German and the other is in English. It is titled "East Berlin" and was printed by Informationszentrum Berlin in 1988. The interest to this group is pages 20-21 titled "Currency Reform and Blockade." On page 20 is an image of the face of 20 rentenmark with a Soviet stamp (SB 666) and 50 rentenmark with a Soviet stamp (SB 668) and on page 21 are the face of 1948 20 deutschmark (SB 656) and 50 deutschmark (SB 657) with the B overprint. The text is as follows:

"Even the implementation of a currency reform, which was in principle accepted by all sides, failed due to growing East-West disagreements. On 18th June 1948, the Western Allies thus initiated a currency reform in their zones, abolishing the old Reichsmark and introducing the D-mark. This measure did not take effect in Berlin since here all Four Powers had to make decisions on a common basis. The Soviet Union was pressured into taking action as a result of the currency reform in the Western Zones since the danger existed that money which has now become worthless in the West would flow into the Soviet Zone, where the currency was still legal tender. The USSR therefore initiated a currency reform for its territory on 23rd June 1948. Since the bank notes did not become available quickly enough, the old Reichsmark notes were transformed into new currency by means of stickers for which reason the East marks were originally referred to as 'coupon marks' or 'sticker marks.' In a clear-cut infraction of the agreements on Berlin, the supreme commander of the Soviet zone of occupation in Germany decreed that the new money was also to be introduced in the whole of Berlin. At the same time, he put the Berlin city administration under the control of the German Economic Commission, a kind of central administration created by the Soviet Union for its zone in 1947.

Only on 20th March 1949, in the western currency became the sole legal tender in the western sectors. Until then, both currencies were officially recognized. In the months between the currency reform and this decision, wages and salaries in West Berlin were paid at a rate of 75% in the East marks and 25% in West marks. For the West Berliners who worked in East Berlin and the East Berliners who worked in West Berlin, there existed a complicated exchange mechanism

designed to provide everyone with suitable quantities of these two essential currencies. Since the currency reform, possession and acceptance of West German marks were prohibited in the eastern sector of Berlin. The East mark (officially: mark of the German Central Bank) was the sole legal tender. Even this could not put a stop to a widespread black market with the West mark. The USSR used the disagreements over the currency reform as an occasion to attempt to gain control of Berlin. It imposed a blockade of Berlin by prohibiting all freight traffic to Berlin to pass through its zone by road, rail or water. The populace of the Soviet sector was supplied from the Soviet zone of occupation. Only by air could the West Berliners obtain food, heating materials and goods necessary to continue production from the Western Allies. Contrary to widespread skepticism even in the Western camp, the airlift set up by the Western Powers proved able to provide the populace with the goods necessary for everyday life. As early as late summer 1948, it became apparent to the Soviet Union that the Western Powers would not be driven out of Berlin by the blockade. On the contrary, the blockade and airlift caused a change in the attitudes of the victorious Western Powers and the citizens of Berlin to one another. A feeling of being allied with one another against Soviet claims to power replaced a feeling of subordination caused by the capitulation. Insofar as the Soviet Union recognized that it would be unable to extend to all of Berlin, it became a matter of urgency for it to bring at least that part of Berlin (and Germany) where it was able to predominate into its orbit"

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Sixteen hundred Grams is an accomplishment. The first Gram dates from April 15th of 2000 shortly after Fest I which was in February of that year. Back then the Gram was just a chat set up in papermoneyworld.net where about twenty or so collectors would chat-up MPC. Fred was the editor and the format was quite informal and less detailed than the current Grams. If we count the total number of Grams to date and take an average, it comes out to about 200 Grams per year. That's more than a Gram every other day. The Grams are archived at papermoneyworld.net. Perhaps we can get someone

(Ed Beaman are you listening?) to write up a detailed MPCGram history which would be "way cool" - Roger

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Dear Editor,

Jim Downey's article on Saar marks was wonderful. Some of the things I had forgotten. Most I did not know. Festers should reread the article because it is likely that there will be quiz questions from this article. I am also entering most of the info in the manuscript for Remembered II. Finally, congratulations on number 1600 Grams.

Fred

Dear Gramsters and Editor,

Because of my work schedule, I am unable to attend Fest IX, but am looking forward to Fest X. May even get the spouse to come along next year. I am really enjoying the Gram. Keep it up. We are loving the global warming in the Midwest with another 5 inches of snow this morning.

Kansas Bill

Dear Gram,

I have seen several references to the poker game and expectations of a repeat winner. Let me say this: Ray is going down!

name withheld

Port Clinton, OH

[Did I hear a gauntlet hit the floor? Should Ray be worried? Does this mean no one will want to watch the movie? - Roger]

Dear Editor,

Is the scholarship just for YN's or may I apply?

Larry Schuffman

[Larry, the scholarship is open to all. Submit your request to Dan and Kathy - Roger]

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Calendar 2008

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MPC Fest IX, Feb 29-Mar 2. Holiday Inn Express, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

ANA National Money Show, Phoenix, Arizona

March 7-9

CPMX, Mar 27-30, Chicago

Maastricht, April 4-6, Valkenburg, Netherlands

Fest IX Training  
Schedule  
ALL PERSONNEL

Date/time Activity Personnel Trainer

Tue 26 Feb

0830-0900 Breakfast

@ Holiday Inn all personnel KIm

0930-1700 work detail arrives Ski, Harold, Fred The Boss

Wed 27 Feb

0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all personnel Kim

0930-1700 Fest Preparation work detail Fred

1700-2300 Fish Fry Jolly Roger The Bos

Date/time Activity Personnel Trainer

Thursday 28 February

0800-1900 hotel registration individuals Kim

0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all personnel Kim

0930-1700 Bourse preparations select personnel

David

1900-2100 bourse banquet @ Big Boppers all available

Judy, Ken

2100-2400 bowling challenge all available Doug

Bell

2400- bull session/swap meet all available Ski

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forwarded by Harold Kroll

Hi All, I checked with Norton Anti-Virus, and they are gearing up for this virus! I checked snopes.com, and it is for real!!  
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In view of the potential for computer damage we opted to run Harold's letter as a feature story. I would



think the last thing we need is to corrupt our system of mailing out the Gram. In that vein, we are in contact with the publisher of the E-Sylum which utilizes what appears to be a better method of distribution which incorporates virus scans. The details are being worked out and we hope to be up and running with it in the near future.

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Dear Gram,

I just wanted to let people know, any of you that have the energy left (or vacation time), that will be attending the ANA Phoenix National Money Show, I am working on arrangements for a Mini-Fest site.

THERE WILL BE A FEST HERE WARNER!! I will try to update as soon as I get the particulars.

Also, all attendees should have a show-n-tell item & their paybook with them. This will be a great show this year with many outstanding exhibits. So come out, work on your tan or just get thawed out after a February in Port Clinton.

Steve Swoish 22

[See the calendar for the Phoenix Show dates]

Dear Esteemed Editor,

During my last visit to Viet Nam in April-May, I wrote in detail about an MPC collection that Mrs. Phuong had in her inventory. She still has it but I did not look at it and cannot remember what exactly was in it but I am sure it is complete and probably has some special pieces. My write up about the collection never made it into the Gram and I really do not feel like spending a few hours again looking at it and writing everything down. If someone is coming to HCMC, she is located at 81 Le Loi street. If not, you can probably write to her at Mrs. Phuong, 81 Le Loi, District 1, Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam. She does not have email.

Today I was at the Sunday morning collectors and dealers meeting in the snack bar behind the Art Museum. There was absolutely not one piece of MPC offered to me! This is a first. Is it drying up again until the next footlocker or suitcase is located? We shall see.

The Master Sergeant Daniel at HADaniel3@msn.com

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March 7-9  
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Series 9, No 1603 Saturday, February 23rd, 2008

Free French Africa Notes  
by Roger Urce

During WW II, the French colonies of Gabon, Middle Congo, Ubangi-Shari and Chad were known as French Equatorial Africa. When Cameroun was added to the group the area became known as Free French Africa. The issuing authority for one series of these notes in denominations of 1000 francs, 1000 francs and 5000 francs was the Gouvernement General de l'Afrique Equatoriale Francais (see Remembered SB 1161, 1162 and 1163 on page 123). The 1940 Emergency WWII issue notes are also listed in Pick as P4, P4A and P5 respectively and are valued as "RARE" and "VERY RARE" in both volumes. An auction of a 1000 franc note was concluded recently on eBay under item #110223644267. The note, SB 1161, with the counterfoil attached, is stamped "SPECIMEN" in two places and bears a serial number of 099986 which is higher than the number of notes reported by Remembered as having been issued. Other differences were noted. There are no perforations or embossed seal and the only signature on the note is that of Gen. de Larminat; Pick describes the note as green on yellow paper while the specimen is green on a light pink paper as seen in the scan provided. The note is Serie W while SB lists Serie H and Pick lists Serie O. I was unable to determine if the back was blank. These differences, especially the high serial number, may be accounted for by the fact that the note is a Specimen and its design had not yet been finalized. The opening bid was \$1.00 but rose to \$1700 with the reserve not having been met through the first twenty

one bids. The bidding ended two days and four bids later with a winning bid of \$3000.00. The uncirculated offering originated in France and gives rise to speculation that more of these "magnificent notes" as Remembered describes them, are out there. This year I have the opportunity to go to Maastricht. Perhaps there's another note and perhaps I can see it in person.

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EDITORIAL

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We have all heard of MPC and even MFC, but FPC is another thing. It is an annual disease around here. It is Fest preparation crisis. I have been having a severe case this year. We were actually well ahead of schedule (?), but I knew that that might be more an omen of problems to come rather than something to celebrate and so it was. Nevertheless, it is getting exciting around here.

We just had our annual preparation meeting with wonder woman hotel manager Kim. She and the hotel staff are primed for our arrival. Once again the hotel is donating three room nights to the scholarship auction and to do that one better, Kim has solicited merchandise from other merchants to be auctioned for the scholarship fund. Larry and the auction staff might be unhappy about the unregular donations, but it is nonetheless a wonderful initiative. Among many other things that we discussed. We considered dates for Fest X--2009. One thing is for sure, we want a later date (for MANY reasons). We looked at the ANA, CMPX, and Easter dates. I do not know how to find dates for Maastericht (any ideas?). Anyway we are looking at the weekend of 18 April.

For those of you who are not coming to the Fest, we will miss you. However, we have room to fit you.

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Special Note to Suscribers:

The next Gram will originate from the Fest after my arrival of Wednesday the 27th as I will have no internet capability until then. - Roger

Dear Editor,  
Please include in the gram a call for presentation topics for the fest. People can send me "Show and Tell" items at: sfeller@coe.edu  
Already we have some interesting ones such as President Hoover's personal short snorter from 1946, fascinating cigarette cards from pre-World War II England detailing how to get ready for air attacks, a special 45 min presentation, and much more.

Steve Feller  
Fest Education Officer

Hello Gramsters:  
I am fortunate to own a 692 \$1.00 Proof and would sincerely like to compare the piece I have with others. If you are a fortunate holder of this Trial would you be so kind as to bring it to FEST so that we can do some comparisons re: color, size, etc: See you all in beautiful Port Clinton,

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Turnkey Commissary Receipts Auction Results by Sparky Watson

> From 17 19 October 2007, H.R. Harmer, Inc. held Sale 2978, The American Bank Note Archives Part II. With over 2600 lots in the auction, there were many items of interest to the paper money collector. But for the military money collector, lots 1798 to 1807 had particular interest as they consisted of the second specimen set of Turnkey Commissary Receipts along with other items related to the production of the receipts.

The first set of receipts was sold by H.R. Harmer, Inc. in February 2007 in Part. For those of you that do not know what the Turnkey project was about, I've copied the following paragraph from lot 1795 in that sale:

>>> The Air Force, in February 1966, requested authority from the Secretary of Defense to make a separate contract with a U.S. firm for construction of an air base. Air Force officers detailed the scope of work but did not identify the site at meetings with potential contractors. The agreement they proposed to use was a "turnkey" contract whereby the contractor assumed responsibility for shipping and logistic requirements as well as for design and construction. On April 21st, after being directed to reconsider the situation by the joint Chiefs, General Westmoreland concluded that an additional airfield could be used. The preferred site was at Hue, but because this site was unavailable he recommended to Admiral Sharp that work start at Tuy Hoa. On 7 May 1966 Admiral Sharp approved the Tuy Hoa proposal but imposed certain conditions. The Air Force's turnkey contractor would be responsible for building the complete Tuy Hoa complex-air base, port and breakwaters - as well as for relocating roads and trackage. He would mobilize his own equipment, manpower, materials and dredges, using only such local resources as were surplus to other service requirements. He would also be responsible for his own sea lift, unloading, beaching and barging. In late May the Joint Chiefs of Staff gave the project their blessing and on the 27th of that month the Deputy Secretary of Defense authorized the Air Force to negotiate a turnkey contract for the Tuy Hoa air base. Tuy Hoa Air Base was one of several airbases built by the "Red Horse" Civil Engineer Squadron, located on the coast, 285 miles northeast of Saigon under Project Turnkey. During the period of 1

August through 30 November 1966, a C-130 TDY from the Alaskan Air Command transported personnel and cargo. Aircraft landed on a 3500' runway at Tuy Hoa. Later, the base would have two all weather runways capable of handling most aircraft used in the war. The base flew C-130s and a variety of fighter aircraft. The first fighter aircraft assigned was the F-100 Super Saber.  
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As the contractor was responsible for literally almost everything, including issuing money for use at the air bases commissary, they turned to American Bank Note to design the receipts. A set of receipts consisted of six notes: 5, 10, and 25 cent fractionals along with \$1, \$5, and \$10 notes. However, the receipts were never used, with personnel instead being issued Series 641 Military Payment Certificates.

The following is a summary of the auction results. For the actual auction descriptions and a link to an image of the notes, you can go to H.R. Harmer, Inc.'s website at:

[http://www.hrharmer.com/sales/2978/HTML/2978\\_60.html](http://www.hrharmer.com/sales/2978/HTML/2978_60.html)

Lot 1798 5 cents specimen - \$375  
Lot 1799 10 cents specimen - \$375  
Lot 1800 25 cents specimen - \$375  
Lot 1801 - \$1 specimen - \$525  
Lot 1802 - \$5 specimen - \$675  
Lot 1803 - \$10 specimen - \$900  
Lot 1804 - \$10 proof and production notes Did not sale  
Lot 1805 - \$1 face and back trial note model - \$1100  
Lot 1806 - \$10 proof and other proof of text Did not sale  
Lot 1807 Original file folder with production information - \$400

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#### EDITORIAL

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Greetings from Fest Headquarters at Camp May in lovely downtown Port Clinton, Ohio. Fest IX preparations are almost complete. Ski, Harold and Al Glaser have already completed the basic set up and the hotel staff are well prepared for the incoming Festers who will arrive in greater numbers starting today. Tonight is the traditional Fest banquet at Big Boppers to be followed by the annual bowling tournament. There is still time to send in auction lot bids. Internet bidding (to [mpcgram@yahoo.com](mailto:mpcgram@yahoo.com)) will be accepted until midnight Saturday. - Roger

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Dear Gram,

We talk about a record price for MPC (\$115,000.00), or a record for a US coin (\$7,500,000.00).

Read what a licence plate was recently sold for :

"ABU DHABI, Feb 17 (Reuters) - A licence plate bearing simply the number "1" fetched what organizers said was a world record \$14 million at a charity auction in Abu Dhabi on Saturday.

The price paid by Saeed Abdel Khouri, 25, beat a record set by one of his relatives in September, the organizers said in a statement.

The record has been submitted to the Guinness World Records book, they said."

David Klinger

[Was David Seelye one of the bidders?]

Dear Gram,

With the proliferation of the inter net and eBay there is a flood of fantasies, fakes, counterfeits, and other spurious issues on the market. Will the next edition of WW2R have a separate listing of this ilk?

David

Dear Esteemed Editor,

I will have a club table at the Phoenix ANA and will be promoting, as usual, the Gram and collecting MPC to veterans and others at it. And I have a nice supply of MPC that was donated by David Seelye, Roger Urce and others to hand out to those who seem interesting in collecting it.

I will also be representing Numismatics International (NI), International Bank Note Society (IBNS), Numismatic Bibliomania Society (NBS), and the Philippines Collectors Forum (PCF), and moderating meetings for IBNS and NI. There will not be a PCF meeting at Phoenix but there will be one at the next ANA in Baltimore. And others will conduct the NBS meeting at Phoenix.

I just read that a Mini-Fest is being organized for the Phoenix ANA. For those working on it, please give me the details as they become available and/or at the club table. I can also reserve the last 15-20 minutes of the Saturday IBNS meeting again for the Mini-Fest, if a room is needed.

The Master Sergeant Daniel at HADaniel3@msn.com

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Warner  
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Cuneyd  
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Fred  
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personnel Sparky  
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Gary Hicks

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Ian and Bella Marshall  
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William Myers  
David Seelye  
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Roger Urce  
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Series 9, No 1605 Friday, February 29th, 2008

Update on Show and Tell responses for the Fest,  
by Steve Feller (We have room for more)

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Steve,  
Have a presentation to overview Reichslotterie tickets  
that leads into a new find for post war lotterie  
tickets.  
Cheers,  
Harold

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Steve, I have 3 possibilities for show & tell. I have a power  
point presentation on POGs, another power point  
presentation on challenge coins I got in Iraq about  
5-8 min. The last thing is a receipt for a bed at  
the Union Jack Hotel in South Africa about 1 min. Let  
me know what you want. I will bring my computer is I  
will have the power point presentations if needed. Bill Myers

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Hi Steve,  
Please put me on the list for Show and Tell. I wont  
assign a title but think I can have some fun.  
John Watta

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Steve Feller: President Hoovers Short Snorter

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Ray Feller: Pre-WWII English Cigarette Cards

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Fred Schwan: 45 min, TBA

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Steve,  
I have a show and tell item. It is an Eagle Cash  
Card.  
I will only need a couple of minutes tops.  
Loretta



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Randy Poe: JIM

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Brian Fanton: A WWII Bombsight used by his dad

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Steve,

I have a 52 slide presentation on Japanese Invasion Money that I presented to the Windsor (Ontario) Coin Club in January. Mostly pictures, some text. Including questions it runs about 30-35 minutes. There is also an associated quiz available - 10 questions.

Brett Irick

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Hi Steve

I have some of the "theme" pieces, the POW from Canada and a few elsewhere- also two quite large US War Bond illustrations on card as promotional material during the war (\$200 and \$100). Another item is a Chinese 50 CGU note with propaganda in Chinese characters (I have the approximate translation) but I'm not sure this piece is genuine as far as the ovpt. is concerned. The note itself is common, which leads me to think anyone could have overprinted with the few Chinese characters. Perhaps someone there knows the piece.

Neil Shafer

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EDITORIAL

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Thursday's festivities started with the banquet and the obligatory challenge. All Festers were prepared with the exception of John Regitko of Toronto, Canada who attempted to invoke the "three mile" rule as he left his challenge coin back at Headquarters. Needless to say he was informed that the rule is three steps and he would be required to supply refreshments at the bowling tournament. John fulfilled his obligation admirably.

The Battalion Clerk, who apparently was still smarting from Fest VIII Bowl again challenged Al Glaser to a rematch. When all the games had been completed and the handicaps calculated, Fred was only 82 total pins behind. In raw score the difference,

however, was over 200 pins. Al finished in first place overall with Doug Bell finishing second, Robert Drew third and Jim Downey one pin behind in fourth place. Glaser had the high single game scores of 244 and 241 with Doug Bell scoring a 230. The only unfortunate part of the day occurred just after lunch when Warner Talso slipped on the ice walking back from the restaurant and suffered a broken ankle. He was taken by fellow Festers to the local hospital where it was determined he needed surgery to repair the break and put the ankle back into place. Battalion Surgeon Dr. Bill Myers responded and was available for consultation. As this is being written Warner is undergoing the surgery and is expected to recover. He will be back on his good foot on Saturday and is expected to be discharged and return to the Fest.

Since the injury occurred in the line of Fest duties, the awarding of an appropriate citation is in order.

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Dear Gram,

I received an email from Jos in January listing the 2008 and 2009 Maastricht dates. The 2009 dates are April 4-5. Really looking forward to my first Fest. See you next week.

Best Regards,

Dave Frank

Dear Gram,

Here is a suggestion for the Fest movie and it's pertinent to military money collectors:

<http://www.cnn.com/2008/SHOWBIZ/Movies/02/25/counterfeiters.lead/index.html>

Cheers,

Mark C. Watson

Dear Gram,

I'm interested to know if a group, or others have some sort of exchange about South Vietnam Currency?

please let me know. Thanks

James Edwards - [edwards44@yahoo.com](mailto:edwards44@yahoo.com)

[Dear James, There are a number of Gram subscribers who collect Viet Nam related numismatics. - Roger]

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Series 9, No 1606 Saturday, March 1st, 2008

Talso Out of Surgery

Warner Talso's surgery went well and his is recovering. His son is here to help him get home so he can start. Our best hope is that he will be released from the hospital on Monday and begin his rehab. Fest paymaster Harold Kroll visited Warner in the hospital to deliver his 2008 Fest pay. This sick bay pay was a first for Fest operations.

Urce Promoted

At MPCFest 9 Roger Urce was promoted to editor of MPCGram. The promotion was announced by publisher, founder, and first editor Fred Schwan. Urce has been assistant editor since late 2007. Schwan will continue as publisher and will write a column for newsletter and occasional editorials. The promotion was announced at a ceremony at the Fest. Schwan asked readers and all interested persons to support Urce at even higher levels than he had been supported.

As a practical matter this means that editorials by Urce will be published without signature. Editorials by other writers will be signed. Note that guest editorials are invited on a wide variety of topics. Submit guest editorials or correspond with the editor with your ideas.

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EDITORIAL

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Fest IX continues today with Show and Tell. Starting with the next Gram we will summarize the day's presentations and report on some new information and some new finds.

To the surprise of all series 071 MFC was unexpectedly recalled and replaced with series 072. The first hint this was to occur was that the doors to the Fest room were locked and guards posted. After surrender of 071 series notes, travel pay in series 072 notes, based upon the number of Fests and Summer Seminars attended, was distributed.

More on the denominations and designs later, but it should come as no surprise that one 072 series note is a nine dollar denomination.

Finally, I am honored to have been named Editor. I'll do my best to keep the Grams coming and will depend on a little help from the Gram community to provide

articles, letters, comments and even constructive criticism when warranted. Thanks for the support.

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Dear Editor,

In response to Dave Klinger's question about listing fakes and fantasies in WWII Remembered (2nd Ed) - look in the 1995 edition. There are hundreds of such items listed. We will continue to list all that come to our attention - if you (any reader) know of a bad piece that is not listed in the present book, let Boling know about it, so it can be cataloged. Better yet, provide him a source for it so it can be added to the largest extant collection of such weeds (I know - that will just encourage fakers to make more of them - well, there's no stopping them, so we might as well become as knowledgeable as possible about current inventions). Joe

Dear Editor,

Among the too many types of things I collect is Souvenir cards including of course Fest Souvenir cards. With Fest soon upon us I thought it might be a good time to try to find the ones I am missing. If you have the ones I need and you would like to sell or trade them please bring them to Fest, if you have them and are not coming, please email me about them. The following is a list of what I need:

FEST I "FredFEST 2000" 25 cent MPC note  
Colorado Springs "CosFEST" July 2003  
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San Diego "BajaFEST" Sep 2004  
FEST VI "WeddingFEST" 2005  
FEST VII "CampLeoMayFEST" Series 681 \$1.00 MPC Pog  
Any cards from ANA summer seminar from 2006 or 2007  
Thanks Robert Drew  
vnmpcman@hotmail.com

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Calendar 2008  
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MPC Fest IX, Feb 29-Mar 2. Holiday Inn Express, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452  
ANA National Money Show, Phoenix, Arizona  
March 7-9  
CPMX, Mar 27-30, Chicago  
Maastricht, April 4-6, Valkenburg, Netherlands

Fest IX Training  
Schedule  
ALL PERSONNEL

Date/time Activity Personnel Trainer

Tue 26 Feb

0830-0900 Breakfast

@ Holiday Inn all personnel KIm

0930-1700 work detail arrives Ski, Harold, Fred The Boss

Wed 27 Feb

0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all personnel Kim

0930-1700 Fest Preparation work detail Fred

1700-2300 Fish Fry Jolly Roger The Bos

Date/time Activity Personnel Trainer

Thursday 28 February

0800-1900 hotel registration individuals Kim

0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all personnel Kim

0930-1700 Bourse preparations select personnel

David

1900-2100 bourse banquet @ Big Boppers all available

Judy, Ken

2100-2400 bowling challenge all available Doug

Bell

2400- bull session/swap meet all available Ski

Friday 29 February

0800-1900 hotel registration individuals Kim

0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all personnel Kim

0830-1000 bourse set up work detail and dealers

David

1000 bourse and Fest registration open all personnel

Loretta

1000-1800 bourse all available David

auktion submission/viewing all interested Ski

1730-1900 new Fester training new Festers Doug,

Warner

1800-1930 chow all personnel Kim

1900-1930 exhibits installed exhibitors Joe

2000-2030 pay call by company paymasters

2200-2300 February madness round 1 all personnel

TBA

2300-2330 bull session by company 1SGs

2330 exhibits must be removed exhibitors Joe

2331 px, canteen closed, casino Dick

2400 lights out by company 1SGs

Saturday 1 March

0400-0600 10k run, 3k swim (ice permitting) all

personnel 1SG  
0730-0830 chow all personnel Kim  
0800-0830 sick call sick and lame Cuneyd  
0830-0845 bn picture mess hall Hardies  
0845-0915 autograph party all personnel (bring short  
snorters) Fred  
0915-1100 show n tell all personnel 1SG  
1100-1230 March Madness all personnel TBA  
1245-1315 chow all personnel Kim  
1315-1325 sing along all personnel Kathy  
1325-1630 show n tell all personnel 1SGs  
1630-1745 show n tell all personnel 1SGs  
1745-1800 nap individual  
1800-1845 chow & Boling anniversary party all  
personnel Kim  
1745-1900 Bond Drive VI (concurrent) interested  
collectors Warner  
1900-1930 March Madness finals all personnel TBA  
1930-1945 awards all personnel Ed Beaman  
1945-1955 Poker traning all players Brad  
2000-2400 military poker game reenactment all  
personnel Brad  
2000-2100 auction lot viewing (concurrent) all  
personnel Ski  
2400 snack time (left overs) interested personnel  
Bill Y.  
2400 canteen & casino close, lights out  
2401 bed check

#### Sunday 2 March

0400-0600 10k run, 3k swim (ice permitting) all  
personnel 1SG  
0700-0745 sick call (by appointment) all sickies  
Cuneyd  
0730-0800 chow all personnel Kim  
0700-0730 destruction of obsolete MFC select personnel  
Fred  
0730-0830 auction lot viewing optional Ski  
0845-1130 auction all personnel Ski  
1100-1230 police call and early departures select  
personnel Sparky  
1230-1315 chow all personnel mess sgts  
1315-1500 field trip TBA, AMG postage seminar all  
interested personnel  
1500-1800 pool party Jodi Foster

#### Monday 3 March

0830-0900 breakfast @ Holiday Inn all remaining  
personnel Kim  
1900 local poker game (FRNs required) select  
personnel

#### Tuesday 4 March

0700-0730 breakfast Holiday Inn

0730- final departuers applicable personnelbbbb

Coordinating instructions:

Problems etc contact the battalion clerk at 419 732 6683 before March 20; after March 20 call clerk (Schwan) at 419 732 7322 (Holiday Inn), or 419 349 1872 (Schwan cell phone) alternate cell 419 202 0106 (Boss cell)

Auction items coordinator: Larry Smulczenski  
skifla@cox.net

Exhibits contact joeboling@aol.com

Bond drive (blast): wtalso@aol.com

Remarks: Saturday poker game will be a Texas holdem tournament with \$25MFC buy in.

Holiday Inn Express, 50 NE Catawba Road, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452 419 732 7322 (remember, if you have a Fest reservation, you have a room reservation. Do not call to confirm, they have it.)

FEST REGISTRATIONS:

[As confirmed by Headquarters]

Dan and Kathy Freeland

Valerie May

Al Glaser

Fred and Judy Schwan

Brad Schwan

Warner Talso John Cheney

Laura Guentensverger\*

Jack Lippincott

Harold Kroll

Larry Smulczenski

Steve Feller

Ray Feller

Sue & Keith Bauman (dealer not part of Fest)

Larry Schuffman\*

Bill Yanchick

Gary Hicks

Neil Shafer

Bob Olsen

Ian and Bella Marshall

Brian Fanton\*

Jim Downey

William Myers

David Seelye

Joe and Louise Boling

Ron Waddell

Roger Urce

Brett Irick

Nick Schrier

Jack Hunter

Dave Hunsicker

John Watta  
Steve Swoish  
Ed Beaman  
Doug Bell  
George Fitzgerld  
Karen Jach  
David Frank\*  
John and Mrs. Regitko  
Loretta and Dick Freyser  
Carlson Chambliss  
Adolf Witzke  
Dick and Mrs. Dunn  
Robert Drew  
Randy Poe\*

\* Indicates New Fester

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The following have tables at the Friday Bourse: Sue & Keith Bauman Joe  
Boling Brian Fanton Al Glaser Harold Kroll Jack Lippincott Ian Marshall  
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The MPC Fest Service Award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated commitment and dedication to the hobby. The recipient, originally selected by Fred Schwan, is recognized for his/her contributions with a silver Fest coin engraved with his/her name. The selection process has evolved and currently involves discussion by past recipients of the award who make the determination.

This year's recipient is an author, editor, teacher and researcher. He has travelled to different parts of the world collecting numismatic information which has enabled our hobby to grow thorough his presentations and writings. It should come as no surprise that this year's winner is, the Fest Operations Officer, Steve Feller. The award is well deserved; congratulations. Steve, along with daughter Ray, are currently working on a second edition of Silent Witness and as part of the Fest show-and-tell presented new information on some recently discovered camp currency.

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EDITORIAL  
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Fest IX went by too quickly. It seems we were all arriving and suddenly we were all leaving. It was a great time.

Warner was released from the hospital on Monday and was able to attend a mini-fest at headquarter's that evening. He was in good spirits and relatively pain free. He, along with his son, who had come to help, left for home on Tuesday afternoon.

Until we get some articles from subscribers (HINT !!) I'll report on Fest IX activities and on some of the presentations that were made.

Larry Smulczenski will have an auction report in the near future and for those of you who are wondering if the bugle sold - it did.

Next Gram will have the winners of March Madness, the Fest bowl and the poker game along with the other scholarship winners.

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Dear Gram and Joe, This letter [regarding counterfeits] was from David Seelye, not me. When I write to the gram, I sign my full name.

David Klinger

Dear David,  
Gomen nasai. The reply is still valid, though.  
Joe

Dear Gram:  
I guess I didn't win Neil Shafer's Guerilla Currency book. [Larry will have a full report on the auction in the near future. -Ed.] I hope to make it to the next Fest, but could it be scheduled a week or two later? I realize Easter made it early this year. George Slade  
Dear Gram  
Just in case you festers haven't seen this on eBay (3500340474752)  
David Klinger [This is a specimen book - Ed.]

Dear Gram,  
I want to pass on my thanks to the scholarship committee for awarding me a Summer Seminar 2008 scholarship. Hopefully my new found knowledge will help me at Fest 10 with the tournament!  
Cheers,  
Sparky  
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Future Conventions,  
by John and Nancy Wilson - Calendar Coordinators

March 27-30, CPMX Bourse (paper money bourse),  
Educational Programs, coin club tables, and Lyn Knight  
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O'Hare, Rosemont, IL, Admission \$5, Information  
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the Krause site at: [www.collect.com/shows](http://www.collect.com/shows)

April 11-13, Michigan. State Numismatic. Society 52nd  
Spring Convention. Bourse, exhibits and educational  
programs. Hyatt Regency Dearborn, MI For information  
contact Joseph LeBlanc: [jhl@michsoft.com](mailto:jhl@michsoft.com)  
April 16-19, 69th CSNS Bourse (very large bourse  
including all areas of the hobby), Exhibits,  
Educational Programs, coin club tables, and Heritage  
Auctions which include a CAA sale [www.ha.com](http://www.ha.com) For  
information on all aspects of the show go to:  
<http://www.centralstates.info/index.html>  
April 24-27, 33rd Annual CICF Convention. Bourse  
mostly dealers who sell foreign coins and paper.  
Educational Programs, coin club tables, and Ponterio &  
Associates Auction <http://www.ponterio.com/index.html> Crowne Plaza  
Chicago O'Hare, Rosemont, IL, Admission  
\$5, Information contact Kevin Foley at  
[kfoley2@wi.rr.com](mailto:kfoley2@wi.rr.com) or visit the Krause site at: [www.collect.com/shows](http://www.collect.com/shows)

May 29-31, Long Beach Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo,  
Long Beach Convention Center, large bourse, club  
tables and meetings, and auction by Heritage  
[www.ha.com](http://www.ha.com) For info: [www.longbeachexpo.com](http://www.longbeachexpo.com) or  
[www.exposunlimited.com](http://www.exposunlimited.com)

June 5-7, Baltimore Coin and Currency Expo, Hosted by  
Whitman Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD June 29-Show  
features a large bourse, club tables and YN  
activities, and auction Bowers and Merena,  
<http://www.bowersandmerena.com/>, for show information  
contact Chairman David Crenshaw, at: [info@whitmanexpo.com](mailto:info@whitmanexpo.com)

June 21-27 Session One:

June 28-July 4 Session Two: Register online for session one or session  
two at the

ANA web page [www.money.org](http://www.money.org) or call 719/482-9826 or  
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contributed greatly to its success. Usually a  
military course is taught at the seminar.

June 27-29, 32nd Annual IPMS Memphis, TN Cook  
Convention Center, Host Hotel Marriott, The Annual  
Major Paper Money Convention with most of the paper  
money clubs having meetings and educational programs. Coin club tables  
and Lyn Knight auction [www.lynknight.com](http://www.lynknight.com) If you want to exhibit (comes  
with  
early entry badge for Thursday) contact Martin Delger,  
9677 Paw Paw Lake Drive, Mattawan, MI 49071 For  
bourse information contact Mike Crabb, Box 17871,  
Memphis, TN 38187-0871

June 26-28, FUN Summer show, Palm Beach Convention  
Center, large bourse, educational programs, coin club  
tables, YN Programs, and exhibits. Auction by  
Heritage [www.ha.com](http://www.ha.com) For information go to [www.funtopics.com](http://www.funtopics.com) or contact  
FUN Convention

Coordinator Cindy Wibker at [cwibker@aol.com](mailto:cwibker@aol.com)

July 10-13, 27th MidAmerica Coin Expo (F+W and Krause  
Publications Convention), New location with free  
parking Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center  
Schaumburg, IL, Features a large bourse, educational  
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July 30-August 3 ANA WFOM convention in Baltimore, MD large bourse,  
educational programs, club tables, mint  
booths, YN programs, souvenir card and much more  
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September 18-20, Long Beach Coin, Stamp & Collectibles  
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info: [www.longbeachexpo.com](http://www.longbeachexpo.com) or [www.exposunlimited.com](http://www.exposunlimited.com)

October 16-18, 23rd Annual National and World Paper  
Money Convention, St. Charles Convention center, Large  
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the PCDA Site <http://www.pcda.org/>

If you see any glaring mistakes contact us at [johnnancyw@aol.com](mailto:johnnancyw@aol.com) [These  
shows will go into the Gram calendar in  
abbreviated form in future issues - Ed.]

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EDITORIAL  
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Dave Frank's letter below is what the Fest is all  
about: having a great time and learning about our  
hobby. That's why we continue to attend. Thanks Dave  
for saying what I think we all believe.

As promised some results:  
March Madness continued with last year's format of  
making the questions multiple choice. In the first  
rounds the first to get two correct answers continued  
on. In the round beginning with the final eight  
contestants the number was increased to three of five  
then to four of seven. It came down to a final four of  
Neil Shafer versus Jim Downey and Joe Boling versus  
Jack Hunter. Three prior champions and one noted  
author. After some challenging questions it came down  
to Downey and Boling. The score was tied at three  
correct answers each. The final question,  
"what were the first two series of MPC ordered?" was  
correctly answered by Jim Downey who got to the bell  
first making him the champ for Fest IX. Congratulations Jim.

There were four scholarship awards this year. Two  
were partial and were awarded to Robert Drew and  
Sparky Watson. The full scholarships went to Loretta  
Freyser and newcomer Hannah Powell who is a fifteen  
year old collector and president of her local club.  
She was sponsored by coin dealer and new Fester Brian  
Fanton.

I think I'll save the poker results for tomorrow.

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Dear Gram,

I had one of the best times ever attending my first fest. It was nonstop fun and education. For all of you out there that have not attended a fest yet dont procrastinate like I did for years and sign up for Fest X next year, you will have the time of your life I guarantee it.

David Frank

Dear Editor,

Movie money unclaimed. One purchaser of a movie ticket at fest had his/her

stub drawn for a piece of movie money, and did not claim same. If the holder of ticket 06049 will send me the ticket, or a scan/copy of same, I will send the note. It happens to be an \$8 note, serial number M00000000M, marked SPECIMEN. Joseph E. Boling

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Dear Gram,

Just wanted to write a quick letter that we will be offering all three denominations of the Ivory Coast World War II series (Standard Catalog #6A, 7, and 8) at Memphis among MANY highlights for this sale. Much more about the sale to come. According to Wikipedia, Hubert-Jules Deschamps was the Ivory Coast Governor from January 1, 1941-September 29, 1942, so these notes DO belong in World War II Remembered (and obviously the first initial is "H" and not "M"). The back of the 50 Centimes is clearly dated 1943; the other two denominations are not dated.

Finally, we do have an internet sale on-line at the [www.lkcaworldpapermoney.com](http://www.lkcaworldpapermoney.com) website. Many nice items in this auction, which ends two weeks from today.

Joel Shafer

PS-The news today, second only to Brett Favre's retirement was Jim Downey's victory at Fest. Way to go, Jim!

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Anytime&anywhere,  
by Al Glaser

The greatest military numismatic event of the year has concluded and once again it exceeded my expectations. For those of you that have not attended a FEST you have no idea what you are missing. Although the event is limited to 40 to 50 participants, many of those who attend are some of the most celebrated personalities in paper money. In attendance are some of the most recognized authors of US and world paper money. We have ANA governors, IBNS presidents, SPMC presidents, ANA award winners as well as a FEST surgeon, nurse and attorney. I learn so much each year and meet so many interesting people, I leave FEST completely energized.

My job is to keep a current listing of all FEST money created. Fest IX did not disappoint, the notes were absolutely sensational. We started with the traditional training notes in 6 denominations from \$1 to \$20. New this year was movie money which was raffled off when the movie ended which was for those who did not want to participate in the poker game. Serial numbers of 1, 2 and 8 in six denominations were noted as well as 2 sets of specimens, one of which was won in the main FEST raffle which was handled by Ed Beaman and was the best represented raffle to date, great job Ed. Regular pay on Friday was made with the current series at the time 071. New denominations of \$48 and \$128 and a devalued \$128 to \$28 were introduced for the first time. Saturday saw a conversion from the current 071 series to 072. Most were anticipating series 081 instead the backup series of 2007 was introduced. It is still unclear if 2008 series have even been created. As usual, time will tell. Series 072 were found in the following denominations of \$1, \$5, \$9, \$20, \$50 and \$100. As printing continues to improve, fewer errors have been reported. A few MFC book updates from Fest VIII to Fest IX are still available. Cost is \$15 FRN or current MFC postpaid. Email me at [thepapertrader@verizon.net](mailto:thepapertrader@verizon.net) if you need a set. I do not reprint past updates so get the current one while it is still available (I apologize for the shameless attempt of using the gram for my personal gain). Please accept my reservation for FEST X, I will confirm as soon as dates are provided.

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EDITORIAL

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After the challenge set down in the Gram just prior to Fest IX I was anxious to see if the "anonymous" letter writer from Port Clinton could come through on his promise to unseat two time poker champion Ray Feller. It all got started during introductions on Saturday when the challenger (now known as none other than Fred !) repeated his prediction. Ray as part of her introduction indicated she was a collector of silver bracelets and intended to get a third. That evening, while the movie was getting started (that's a whole other story) and Ski and staff were setting up the auction, they games began. The movie concluded, the auction was set up and about that time the last seven players were down to one table. Ray went "all-in" and to the surprise of most lost the hand and was eliminated. Six players were left including Fred who was the first to offer Ray a round of applause for her playing skills. A few hands later, Ron Waddell eliminated Fred. It got down to two players, Ron and Dan Freeland. The last few hands were exciting and the pots went back and forth until Dan finally won out earning a \$9000.00 Fest Bond and the silver bracelet. Ron was presented with two \$900.00 bonds, and third place winner Doc Tolek was awarded one \$900.00 bond.

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Wanted MPCFest IX Movie Money for my collection. PLEASE write if you have any available!! Serial number not important, as I'm a type collector first!  
WANTED MFC Series 072 errors!  
David Seelye

Dear Gram:

I would like to thank the scholarship committee for awarding me a full Summer Seminar 2008 scholarship. It is my desire to gain so much knowledge that next year I will be a real challenge at Fest 10 for the March (April) Madness tournament!  
Thanks for allowing me this opportunity to grow in knowledge.  
Sincerely,  
Loretta

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Series 9, No 1610 Saturday, March 8th, 2008  
Auction Report,  
by Larry Smulczenski

The auction at FEST 9, like all the auctions at previous Fests was a great success. One hundred forty-nine of the 175 lots found their way to new homes. Total sales amounted to \$5154 of which \$1691 goes to the scholarship fund. Unfortunately, the featured lot, Doug Bell's

Master Set did not find a buyer with deep enough pockets at this Fest although there was some interest expressed. The lot garnering the highest hammer price was the Short Snorter consisting of a \$10 North Africa, a \$10 series 481, a \$10 series 641 and a \$10 series 681 note signed by 38 Medal of Honor recipients which went for \$500. The proceeds of this lot go to the Sgt Benjamin C. Edinger Scholarship of Honor at Green Bay West High School in memory of Jim Downey's nephew who lost his life in Anbar Province..

Other notable lots include a Frankfurt Barter Center 50 unit note that brought \$280, as well as a missing color Reunion piece that brought \$260. A large size, Fourth Victory Loan, \$50 Canadian Bond sold for \$300. A Specimen 50 Sen Japanese AMC note brought \$150 while an empty JEIA Travelers coupon booklet reached \$140. Neil Shafer's book on Philippine Guerrilla Currency started at \$20 and was bid up to \$130. Both a 100 Drachma, Italian Occupation note and a Japanese AMC one yen replacement brought \$125. A donation from Heritage Auction Galleries of a number of small size U.S. notes, along with a great propaganda leaflet and a copy of Toy-Schwan brought \$110 while a donation of three nights at the PC Holiday Inn Express went for \$150, The Army Field Desk sold for the estimate of \$85 while the Bugle brought \$55. These are some of the offered lots that scored well in the auction, but there were plenty of items that could be had for 1, 2, 3, or 5 dollars.

I want to again say "THANK YOU" to all the large number of folks that contributed great donations , some of who weren't at the Fest but wanted to help and to the bidders that participated in the auction. Kim Bartish, Manager of the PC Holiday Inn Express deserves a real tip of the FEST cap not only for her donation of three nights lodging, but for going out and soliciting donations from local businesses. Then

there are the folks, that made the auction run smoothly. Kathy and Dan Freeland keep track of all the sales, total up the bills, and collect the money from all the buyers right after the auction ends. Tell me you get that kind of service anywhere else. Roger Urce and Jack Lippincott kept a steady and orderly stream of items coming to the podium while delivering sold items to the winner. To those I forgot, I apologize and thank you also. We couldn't have the success we have had without a team effort. I salute you all.

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EDITORIAL

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We have started the process of signing up for our new distribution system and are awaiting a response from Binhost. I hope to have the system up and running with the next week. With the new system I won't have to send the Gram out multiple times with hourly and daily subscriber limits. Part of the great time we had at Fest IX was in no small part due to the efforts of Kim Bartish and her outstanding staff. From taking the reservations, to making sure we had all we needed, to providing transportation for the banquet and bowling, to setting up the meals and the Fest room for events, they were tireless and accommodating. They deserve a lot of credit and our thanks. They are as much a part of the Fest as the Festers. This year, for the third time, a T-shirt was created by the hotel staff. The front says Fest IX and the back has the names of all attendees (plus the names of all the AWOLs, as Kim calls them). Should anyone be interested in one, let us know.

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Dear Gram,

Fest IX was such a wonderful time as always, & I needed the last few days to recover. (like always) This weekend is the Phoenix ANA Money Show, & I hope that any & all that need a 80 deg. weekend after Fest can make it out here. There will be a Mini-Fest on Saturday at 11:45 in Room 102B. Bring your show & tell items & don't forget your pay book. Pool party with Heather Locklear & Jodie Foster to follow.  
Steve 22 Swoish

Hi Roger,  
Damn, you didn't put my email in this gram & you didn't do a gram today. (Friday) People need to know where the mini fest is & the time. I was able to tell Howard Daniel & Al Glaser, but George Fitzgerald &

others are out here & I cannot communicate with them.  
It looks like we still have the same old gram, a day  
late & a \$ short. Get with it!!

Steve Swoish

[Hi Steve - I did not see your original letter until  
after work on Friday and today was the earliest I was  
able to put out another Gram. I hope you were able to  
notify everyone out there about the mini-fest and that  
it was a success and I would also ask that you send a  
report for the Gram. I would also appreciate a little  
more notice in the future. I try to get a Gram out  
everyday but that's not always possible. Thanks for  
understanding - Ed.]

Dear Gram,

As usual we had a great time. Sign us up for Fest 10,  
Dan & Kathy Freeland

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Series 9, No 1611 Monday, March 10th, 2008

Specimen Set to Cincinnati

by Fred Schwan

When Roger was promoted to Gram editor, I promised (at the Fest) to convert to a weekly columnist. This promise was greeted with some hoots directed I think at a reputation for regularity on such matters. I guess that I am guilty, but still, it seems to me that I should get credit for more than 1500 Grams--not an insignificant accomplishment I think. Nonetheless, there can be no disputing the fact that I do get behind--way behind.

Now that the Fest is over (by a full week, it is about as hard to believe that it has been over for a week as it is to believe that that was Fest NINE), I have been thinking about getting my new column going.

Everyone is invited to write for the Gram (please do), but the status as a columnist broadens the topics to include commentary and information that might not be otherwise appropriate for an article in the same publication. This is not to say that Roger will not nix a column on personal love life, but it does give some latitude. I mention this not only to introduce where I expect that I will go with this column, but to encourage others to step forward and become a columnist! I can report from painful experience of 1500 Grams, that although the contributions are great and even abundant, they are not spaced as regularly as they should be. There are many of you would could (should) become columnists and we would like to read your material regularly.

Having said all of this, I am going to deviate from my plans on my very first column. The following information should be a news item, but that would leave me in the position of then having to write a column and I will be lucky to get just one finished. I was pleased to be invited to speak at the Cincinnati Numismatic Association March meeting this coming Friday (March 14th). I am especially pleased to be able to announce that I have arranged to take the specimen set of MPC series 692 sheetlets to the meeting where I will report what I know about the set. This is the first real public display of the set. It was displayed at the Fest, but since the Fest is not open to the public (without paying registration), that does not count.

Gary Hicks is the only Fester that I know from Cincinnati, but Gene Hessler lives there and I am sure that it will be a great time. I should have promoted this meeting weeks if not months ago, but over that time I was thinking only of the Fest. I would love to see some of the Festers from Indianapolis (or where ever) at the meeting.

Frankly, I am not even sure where the meeting is held, but I found the web site while working on this report (<http://cincycoinclub.org/news.htm>). I also see that Joe Boling is on the schedule for May so that should find its way to the Fest calendar. You never can tell, a mini Fest might break out.

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#### EDITORIAL

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There were over thirty presentations at Fest IX and a number of them would make good feature articles for the Gram. We will summarize some presentations starting today and in the next few Grams:

Bill Myers advised there are two types challenge coins used in Iraq. The first are those issued by the various units and commands and the second being ones issued in the Hadji shops by the local people. The "bootleg" coins are of lesser quality but are nonetheless collectible;

John Cheney showed us 1, 2 and 5 shilling POW notes used in 1900 during the Boer War;

Joe Boling brought a 100 Mark AMC note with the letter "o" prefix to the serial number which is the fourth known letter to have been used as a prefix, the others being "m", "p", and "t". We still have no explanation as to why the letters were used;

Ray Feller had a nice selection of cigarette picture cards listing air raid precautions. These were from England and were from the Imperial Tobacco Co. (1938);

New Fester Randy Po presented a Camp Shelby, Mississippi, camp book and other souvenirs of his father who served there in WW II.

I also did want to report on the first Fest movie. Five titles received two votes and were brought to the Fest:

The Great Escape - The Great Locomotive Chase - Letters from Iwo Jima - the Bridge on the River Kwai - the Battleship Potemkin. Festers who opted for the movie had their choice and selected the Battleship Potemkin, a 1925 silent movie, because it was the shortest. I am told the popcorn was good.

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Dear Newbie Editor,

I am out in Phoenix right now for the ANA and drove out on I-20 and I-10. When I crossed into Louisiana, I came across three state trooper cars. I was passing an 18-wheeler at the time so I was doing around 80. One of the state troopers came after me. He came up behind me but did not put on his lights. Then he pulled up next to me and looked at me for a second then pulled slightly ahead of me and looked back at my windshield. He came back even with me, clenched his fist and gave me a couple of pumps! I gave him a thumbs up and he quickly disappeared in front of me. What was that all about?

About five miles later, I pulled into a gas station to refuel and there was the state trooper parked along

the side eating something. I walked up to him and asked him why he did not give me a ticket. He said that when he pulled up behind me he saw the two window stickers on my back window. One is a US Flag with Freedom is not Free and the other is Support our Troops/Remember our Veterans. When he pulled up next to me he saw my US Army and Master Sergeant stripes on my cap, and when he looked at my windshield, he saw my DOD sticker.

He said he was a veteran and there are not enough people in the US who will go into the service and put themselves in harm's way for their country, and he was not going to give any that do a ticket unless it was for something a lot more than speeding. I thanked him, shook his hand and went back to my vehicle. I hope there are a lot more troopers out there like him!!!!

The Master Sergeant Daniel [The only numismatic connection to this letter that I

see, and it's a bit of a stretch, is that Howard is enroute to a money show. However, the letter sings the praises of law enforcement, a subject near and dear to my heart, so I had to publish it!- Ed.]

Dear Gram

Well, I finally recovered from Fest IX ! Man, the buzz lasted all week. So when is the next one?

[Fest X is scheduled for April 18th, 2009 - Ed.]

I don't know what I was thinking when I figured to skip on Fest IX and save my energy for the big X.

There is no way to escape, and I doubt I'll ever see such amazing stuff anywhere else in the world.

Sign me up for Fest X, and while you're at it, go for XI & XII too. Fred, you are the man! But how are you gonna top this years event?

You never cease to amaze. Thanks for "making" me come this year, I had a great time.

Jack 21 Hunter

Dear Gram

My first Fest was a lot of fun and camaraderie and I recommend attendance for all. I have been looking over my MFC's, bonds, challenge coins, purchases, and other items acquired at Camp May and I wanted to point out a printing error on my MPCFest IX Company A Meal Card. It is dated "29 February 2009" instead of "2008." I compared it to my Ration Card and it carries the correct date of "29 February 2008." I am assuming that all of the Meal Cards have the incorrect date which is a date that will never occur.

Frank Clark

[Checking my Meal Card I found the same date and I suspect Frank is correct in that all the cards have the same never to occur date. Anyone have a different

date? - Ed.]

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Series 9, No 1612 Tuesday, March 11th, 2008

MPC FEST IX,

by Ron Waddell Here it is almost a week since Fest IX ended and Im still trying to get all the material organized that I got during the three days in Port Clinton. The memories dont get cataloged, they just remain stored for future recall, at the next Fest, and the next, and (you know the scenario). Seems like these are easier to recall than the answers for March Madness. This Fest had the same huge difference that all the others have shown, new and different things to see and talk about - the progressive proofs of Series 692, a big increase in the number of show and tell, the stamp collection opened on Sunday (should have been earlier so all could see), great bourse, great auction, etc, etc, etc.

Did anyone else notice that you knew all the answers to questions in March Madness except those directed at you. Jim even knew the answers to those questions. Im going to propose something that is not unprecedented in World History. I think the Russians, Japanese, Germans and even the US, practiced this before, during, or after WWII. I want to change history, change the river card in the Poker Tournament to a spade. Dan can keep the \$9000 bond. Ill take the bracelet. (Nobody ever remembers who came in second)

I usually write about the cost of attending the Fest but prices have remained the same, except the cost of gas. My total cost to attend the Fest for three

nights was under \$450 (not including collectibles bought and sold). Im a golfer, and a typical trip to Myrtle Beach for golf, which includes three nights and three rounds of golf, usually goes for around \$450, and theres a good chance my memories of the golf wouldnt be happy ones. Plus the service you receive from the Holiday Inn staff and more food than normally provided will guarantee the memories of Fest attendees are happy ones, The only draw backs I see are the potential adverse weather conditions. Just dont walk on the ice (Warner will probably talk about that for a long time to come). And next year I hear it may be in April, even better. To all the people that made Fest IX a success, it is greatly appreciated.

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EDITORIAL

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The stamp collection Ron refers to is one Fred had purchased over two years ago and just gotten around to opening on Sunday afternoon after the auction. It was mentioned in a prior Gram and I would have liked to get a more detailed look at the stamps but it was time to leave for the airport. Perhaps Fred can tell us what is in the collection, as reports have it that it contains some rare and interesting items.

We were also able to view, although briefly, another group of stamps put together by Ron. The collection, comprised of World War II and post war issues, was housed in a large attractive binder and broken up into sections by country. Each page facing the stamps listed all the issues for the particular country. A great deal of research went into making the listings. It required that each volume of the Scott stamp catalogs be searched by country and issue. It was impressive to say the least and a number of Festers present would like to have had the opportunity to examine it more closely.

There seems to be a growing interest among Festers in WW II era stamps. Anyone else care to comment?

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Dear Newbie Editor,

I gave the last half of the Saturday morning IBNS meeting to Steve for the Phoenix Mini-Fest with more than a dozen people present. One AWOL we were expecting was Al Glaser but he showed up an hour late supposedly because of being on California time. No excuse!

We had a couple of Vietnam War veterans who were curious attendees and might now be hooked. Jeff

Starck from Coin World was reporting on the meeting. He got very interested after being paid a sum of MFC, so I gave him one of my Fest challenge coins to challenge Michele with it when he gets back to Ohio. I know he is now hooked!

I remember John and Nancy Wilson, George Fitzgerald, Joe Boling, and Adna Wilde being there. Sorry if I forgot anyone else from the long-time hooked crowd. Steve had me serve as Finance Officer and I signed the Pay Books that were present, and Steve signed mine. The Phoenix MFC has great designs and everyone was impressed with it.

About an hour after the meeting was over, I spotted Al in the registration line with his beautiful daughter. I went over to harass him and told him to go find

Steve to get paid and I would sign his Pay Book.

It is now Sunday morning; Joe is snoring in our hotel room and I need to start cleaning up to clear the convention center by around lunchtime. Before I start driving east back to Virginia, I will be headed to Goodyear, Arizona to visit one of my good men from the VN War who is on the downside of cancer and this is likely the last time I will ever see him. Shit happens as we used to say over there!

The Master Sergeant Daniel [Tomorrow's Gram will have two reports from the

Phoenix mini-fest. - Ed.]

Dear Gram,

Eagle Cash Cards were presented at the MPC fest. I have discovered there are several varieties of them. The face is the same on the cards I have. The varieties concern the back. The biggest difference is on the right side of the back. One has an image of a soldier with a weapon with the treasury seal and FIRST IN FINANCE SUPPORT in a circular emblem with a diamond shaped emblem. The next variety lacks the image of the soldier but has the seal and emblems. It also has added a line with the FRBB (Federal Reserve Bank Boston) Helpdesk e-mail, DSN and toll free number. The last variety only has the treasury seal on the right and no information about the Helpdesk. I would be curious if anyone has seen other varieties then the above. Bill Myers

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Series 9, No 1613 Wednesday, March 12th, 2008

ANA Phoenix,  
by Al Glaser

I just returned home from the ANA in Phoenix . I wanted to make sure I went to the mini-Fest Saturday since I received a preview of the notes at Fest IX that were to be issued. I had taken my daughter Alison along as she just got her drivers license and figured she could use some freeway practice. I had given her a FEST challenge coin and explained if you cant produce your coin when challenged you would have to buy the other person a drink, now she could accept any challenges from other Festers. Well, I forgot there was an hour time difference between California and Arizona (one more day and it wouldnt have made a difference since both went to daylight savings on Sunday) as we were standing in line to register Howard Daniel comes up to me and asks why the hell I didnt go to the mini-Fest? I explained we would have made it if it weren't for the time zone difference but he told me what I could do with my excuses. My daughter pulled out her challenge coin and Howard was able to provide his. Howard told me to find Steve Swoish inside the show to get paid and then Howard would sign my paybook since he was appointed Paymaster. Steve was the one who organized the mini-Fest and printed the notes. We found Steve inside and as we approached Alison whipped out her challenge coin at Steve. Now wouldnt you expect a veteran Fester, at an ANA convention, in his home town, after organizing the mini-Fest and just recently returning from Fest IX&WOULD CARRY A CHALLENGE COIN??? Apparently not. There he stood with that deer in the headlights look,

stuttering out some lame excuses as to how he left it in his other pants and thought there was an extra in the car, etc. Appalling. I explained to Alison that this was an isolated incident, no way we would find another Fester at an ANA show without their challenge coin. That was until we bumped into Wendall Wolka and lo and behold he starts in on the same chorus of excuses as Swoish. Both still owe her a root beer. I must mention in addition to Howard, Joe Boling and George Fitzgerald had no problem with the challenge.

Dear Newly Crowned Editor,  
The Phoenix ANA Money Show was a real hit! While the Master Sergeant felt that most dealers with currency only brought their U.S. notes, I was able to find many with large amounts of MPC & some with it tucked away, hidden from sight to many of the patrons who visited. I make it a rule to just ask any dealer, "Do you have any MPC?" I was fortunate to find 2 dealers that only had COINS in their cases, that had some MPC in their fold. Nothing that was an eye-popper, but none the less, I am sure I would not have been able to go through these unless I asked. As for the Phoenix Mini-Fest, this went much better than expected, as it was held in conjunction/at the end, of the INBS meeting. Everyone who attended the INBS meeting, also stayed for the Mini-Fest, including of course, Howard Daniel, (or maybe his ghost?), Joe Boling, George Fitzgerald, John & Nancy Wilson, Jeff Smith, & about 8 others, some that Joe & I felt MIGHT just make it to Fest X next year. Also, there is sure to be a write up about the Mini-fest in Coin World, as there was a reporter there that had attended his 1st mini fest & thought it was the neatest thing, & got paid to boot! If you have not seen the Mini-Fest notes, these are quite artistic accomplishments by none other than our own Doug Bell, and I am sure that these will be highly sought after by all MFC collectors. ALL, & I mean ALL, in attendance commented on the beauty of these notes. Doug, you continually amaze me! Well, that is all for now from the wild, wild, west.  
Steve 22 Swoish

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As the show and tell presentations were ending on Saturday, two potential new Festers arrived. One was John Schmitt of West Lake, Ohio who expressed an interest in our program and who is a budding MPC

collector. One of the notes John showed us was a very well worn taped together Philippine Guerrilla note which at first glance appeared to be just another tattered example. Closer examination revealed the note to be entitled "UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES" and to have been issued by the 125th Infantry Regiment. The One Peso note is hand signed by Lt. Col. Alejandro Suarez, Commanding Officer and the Regimental Finance Officer (illegible). The back of the note has a large stamp, similar to the backs of Samar notes, indicating the value of one peso. The most interesting part is that the note is not listed in any known publication, and, according to Neil Shafer and Larry Ski quite possibly may be unique. There is some similarity to notes issued by the 109th Division USFIP and the 116th Infantry Regiment USFIP in 1943 and 1944. These latter two issues are from Bukidnon Province (See Pick Vol 1, 9th Edition, pages 920-921) and are reported to have been recalled when notes from Mindanao were received. The USFIP notes are valued with a - and listed as Rare. The 125th Reg't note has embossed seals, quite possibly very similar to seals on the other USFIP notes. John was asked if he would be interested in selling the note (the prices quoted were temptingly high) but he declined saying he collects and can never sell. We had to settle for photocopies.

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Dear Gram,

It bears repeating again and again and again: the Fest was fantastic and I'm ready for Fests X, XI, XII, ad infinitum. (After all, my wrist didn't gain ANY weight this year.....)

Thank you to everyone because a lot of the greatness comes from what everyone brings to the Fest: the show and tells, the banter, the knowledge, the camaraderie, the enthusiasm.... it's my favorite weekend of every year! Also, everyone who went should remember to fill out the Holiday Inn Express survey, because I think we can all agree that Kim and her team give amazing service!

And, of course, a special thanks has to go to Fred. There aren't really words enough to fully thank Fred, but suffice it to say... if there was a bracelet for general championship in life, I'd award several of them to Fred so he could jingle along all day.

Ray

Dear Gram,

First, I wanted to confirm that Fest X is scheduled for 19 April 2009 [Actually the date set is Saturday April 18th, 2009. Look for more info in a Gram in the near future - Ed.] so that I can adjust my training and racing schedules accordingly so I can make it. Second my triathlon training has come to a stop for the last couple of weeks due to a pulled hamstring. Combined with my ability on my bike, I will not be going to Ironman Arizona as planned as I wouldn't make the bike cutoff time. On the flip side, for those attending the Summer Seminar World War II class in Colorado Springs, feel free to watch me race in the Colorado Spring Sprint Triathlon at Memorial Park on Sunday morning before classes begin; that's if you can stand the sight of me in my racing top and shorts - lol. It's about 3 miles from the dorms, and other than the bike portion just south of the park, the swim and the run are near Prospect Lake in the park.

Sparky Watson

Dear Gram,

Yo Fred! I just made it back from Mexico. When and where is the meeting here in Cincy? I know you said this Friday but I have never attended, I was thinking about bringing my completed short collection. What do you think? Hope to see you soon.

Gary (Fours) Hicks.

[Gary and other interested parties - Joe Boling sent the following info on the meeting. Please note that an after action report for Gram publication is required. -Ed.]

Cincinnati Meeting:

We have 85 members. Between 20 & 40 come to the meetings, with out of town speakers drawing a bigger crowd. We meet in the Cincinnati Bar Association's conference facility, it has plenty of room, is equipped for power point presentations, and has a kitchen area for refreshments. The meeting starts at 7:30. Members gather from 7:00 to 7:30 at Brad's store (Coins+, 225 E.6th St., Cincinnati 45002) before going up to the 5th floor for the meeting. We like to take our out of town speakers (and spouses if they come along) out to dinner before the meeting at around 5:30.

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Series 9, No 1614 Thursday, March 13th, 2008  
How I Spent Fest IX,  
by Warner Talso

As I spent FEST IX in the Camp May Army Surgical Hospital (otherwise known as Magruder Hospital, Port Clinton, Ohio), I thought I would give Gramsters a short history of this event for those who weren't present.

Several of us were returning from lunch on 28 February and walking back to the Motel. I was so busy talking to Ski about an NEI related issue (USS Hershey) that I didn't see this patch of ice jump out in front of me. I stepped on it and went down-fast. The Festers

present - Ski, Al Glaser, Roger Urce, and Harold Kroll - got me to the emergency room and stayed with me until we got a full picture of what happened and I was admitted to the hospital. I cannot over emphasize how supportive it was to know these friends were committed to ensuring I was taken care of.

X-rays told the story. The fibula was broken in four places and the ankle displaced from it's socket. About this time the Battalion Surgeon, Bill Myers,

recently returned from Iraq, arrived and lent his combat expertise to the discussion. Image the scene: We are all crowded in the Emergency Room. The Festers, not being shy, are all expressing their opinions, Bill was is in "Doctor Mode", reading X-rays, helping nurse take my shirt and trousers off, and explaining to all what is going on. The poor hospital doctor must have been bewildered. Now, this has an amusing side to it, but make no mistake, I really appreciated Bill's input and advise. Again, the value of having a good friend with my interests at heart.

I had two choices: Stabilize the ankle and have it fixed at home or have it fix there. Based on good advise, I had it fixed there. Wise choice. To have it merely stabilized and then traveling would have been exceedingly complicated (and painful). The doctor operated the next day. He put in a plate and seven screws.

Our son flew up on Friday to escort me home. I was released from the hospital on Monday, March 3rd. They kept me an extra day because my temperature was too high at night.

Many Fester visited me and each visit was greatly appreciated. John Cheney, my First Sergeant paid me. A first, I am sure. Bill brought me my travel pay. I

missed C-Day. I wonder if the Battalion Clerk has a provision for converting the pay of someone who is medically detached. Fred, Harold, and Ski presented me with a FEST Purple Heart. A lot of it is a blur. I am sure I am missing many names of visitors, but that doesn't mean I didn't appreciate their concerns and good wishes.

Dan and I flew home on Tuesday, March 4th. We missed a connection in Chicago and scrambled for a replacement. We arrived in Albuquerque at 0300 on March 5th. So much for staying off my feet and keeping my foot elevated, as prescribed by the doctor.

I had a follow-up visit with a local orthopedic surgeon last Friday, March 7th. My ankle looks good. I am to keep it elevated, which means I am essentially

immobile. I go back to the doctor in 3 weeks. The prognosis is that I will have a cast for 10 weeks.

It is surprising how many Festers, Gramsters, and Seminarrians I have heard from. News travels fast. Even an email from Australia (Nik Sharplin).

So there it is - how I spent FEST IX. I hope to be more involved next year.

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A few more presentations from Fest IX:

Bill Myers' letter to the Gram a couple of days ago mentioned Eagle Cash Cards. Loretta Freyser showed us Eagle cards which were used in Bosnia so it seems the idea is not that new. There were predictions that only one more set of POGS will be issued in the current theater and that the Eagle Cards will be used exclusively in the future;

Brett Irick had a power point presentation he has used at local club meetings to explain the use of JIM notes. His presentation was organized very well and is used as a teaching tool for newer collectors;

Jack Lippencot had examples of Barter Units used in Germany and showed one 5 pfennig note with the blue color missing. His presentation tied into one by Kathy Freeland about an article in the March 13th, 1948 issue of the Saturday Evening Post dealing with German Barter Stores and their operation. The article was somewhat critical of the barter stores and the barter system;

Dave Frank had an example of War Ration Book 5 which is smaller in size to books one through four and was for use in 1945 and 1946 but was never issued.

Anyone who cares to expand on any of these topics or other topics from Fest IX is encouraged to do so.

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Dear Editor,

Louise has just called to my attention that the ZIP code in the directions for the Cinci Num Assn meeting is incorrect. It's what they sent me last year, but MapQuest does not like it, and it does not agree with Brad Karoleff's business card, above whose shop the meeting takes place. The ZIP code SHOULD READ 45202.  
Joe

Dear Gram,

Here is a short review of the upcoming Lyn Knight Auction for CPMX:

SURPRISE !!! My MPC 471 \$5 made the cover of Lyn Knight Currency Auction catalog. This is the third complete basic set (90) notes consigned to Lyn Knight the past few years. This sale is to be held in Chicago (CPMX) on March 28-29. My basic 90 piece set

contains all notes from series 461 thru 692 without the 651 fractionals and the 691-702 unissued notes. These notes, along with others offerings, are lots 1252 thru 1290. Several lots contain matching last 2 digit serial numbers, series 651-681-692. Checkout the Hawaii \$1 with Schofield Barracks short snorter lot #1121 and the MPC error in lot #1268. A nice selection of Hawaii overprints and North Africa yellow seals are lots #1109-1150 to include some nice star replacement notes and many top condition pieces. For additional information, please feel free to contact ED at edhoffman36@frontiernet.net

Dear Gram,  
GREAT FEST!!!!!! I've missed but one, the prior one. I will ready next time for the "X-rated" Fest and I am now getting my go to fest kit ready.  
PPPPPPPP Proper prior planning prevents p\*\*\* poor pay problems!!!  
Next year should be a GREATER one!! More FOGs (Fest old guys and gals) and FNGs Fest new guys (& gals) Nick S  
PS I will not miss the auction and card game next fest. I was not felling well at all from a late night flight and the hazardous driving conditions in the Motor City.  
Nick =====  
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Series 9, No 1615 Friday, March 14th, 2008

Boer War POWs,  
by Joe Boling

In Gram 1611 the editor reported on some of the show-and-tell presentations at Fest IX. One went by like this: "John Cheney showed us 1, 2 and 5 shilling POW notes used in 1900 during the Boer War." What John has is a set of three of the notes used by Boer POWs at the Green Point [bicycle] Track camp near Cape Town during the Boer War (Campbell 4851-53). His notes are framed and are attributed to the commandant of the camp - as having been his personal display set (John, chime in if I'm mis-remembering anything). Campbell also reports ten shilling and one pound notes, although I don't know anyone who has ever seen those denominations. The fact that John Cheney's set does not include them makes me suspect that those denominations may not exist. There are replicas of these denominations in the market, so I was especially interested in seeing his allegedly original pieces. I have pieces from two different productions in my collection, and since I had taken my whole collection to fest, it was an easy matter to retrieve them and do some side-by-side examinations. Incidentally, one could also make the argument that since John's set does not include the high denominations, his set may be composed of the later replicas, and might not be from the camp commandant after all. My watermarked notes are printed on cream-colored thin smooth paper that is very bright when held to a light. A pattern of tiny thin spots can be seen in the paper when a light is behind it. My unwatermarked

notes are printed on dense paper that feels thicker (barely) and softer (barely), and is the same color as the watermarked paper. This paper looks a bit gray when held to a light next to a note on the watermarked paper, and the tiny thin spots that appear in it are not as obvious. John's notes are under glass, with the back of the frame sealed. We did not open the frame. His notes are held by their corners on a black fabric background that is very irregular, so that the notes stand up from the background in many places. We were unable to see any watermark in the paper of

his notes. The ones that I have that bear a watermark do not show it boldly like the British white notes; the watermark is a manufacturer's watermark consisting of several words of text and a crest that might be a lion. It does not appear in the same degree of detail in every note - a given note might show only a few letters, a sliver of the crest, or (in one case), no trace of the watermark (more about that below). It is difficult to see the watermark when holding a note to a light source - I am not surprised that we could not see watermarks in John's notes, if indeed they are there. So we had to compare some other feature. But, the black cloth behind the notes allowed us to

see the pattern of thin spots in a few places (from the papermaking screen at the paper mill). At least superficially, his notes looked like they were on the same paper as my watermarked notes. Of my two sets (each containing five notes, although

the sets are not perfect matches for color/denomination combinations), one is printed by letterpress and the other seems to be lithographed. They show distinct differences in printing sharpness and in uniformity of the design - the letterpress notes are clearly superior. As it happens, my letterpress notes are also the ones that have the watermark. So I laid my better-quality pieces next to John's and examined the pairs under bright light - looking for printing defects. The plates are littered with them. And, almost without fail, a defect on one of my better-quality notes was matched by a defect on one of his. The result of all this studying is that I believe my watermarked notes are the unissued remainders that Campbell mentions. I believe my UNwatermarked notes are the replicas that all catalogers mention - except for one piece. When notes are printed on paper with a manufacturer's watermark, not all notes may show portions of the watermark. One of my unwatermarked notes is clearly on the same paper as the watermarked pieces, and shares their details. Therefore, the absence of a watermark is not prima facie evidence that a Green Point Track note is bad (just as the presence of one does not necessarily mean that the note is printed on the same paper as the original

pieces). But I am reasonably sure, if the attribution of John Cheney's notes is correct, that one set of my notes is original - so if you have some that you want to have authenticated, let me know.

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Dear Gram,

I sure enjoyed reading about the ANA mini Fest. Al's report should be included in the next edition of his book. Can someone write a review of Al's great Fest money book? Fred

[Any volunteers?]

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Series 9, No 1616 Monday, March 17th, 2008

Paper shortages during World War II  
by Jim Downey,

While the American people were suffering from shortages and rationing during WWII, the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) was having supply problems of its own. The requirements of the war saw unprecedented orders for finished product from the BEP. At the same time, the need for raw materials for the war effort required the BEP to take extraordinary measures to meet production requirements. The critical item in shortest supply for the BEP was paper for printing currency and bonds. US paper money was printed on paper consisting of 75% linen and 25% cotton supplied by the Crane Company. The BEP conducted tests using papers of different compositions for currency. Tests were conducted using: (1) 100% cotton paper with colored nylon fibers, (2) 50/50 cotton/linen with colored flax fibers, and (3) 50/50 cotton/linen with colored nylon fibers. They settled on 50/50 with flax fibers for US currency. War bonds were printed on 100% cotton paper.

The need to print invasion currency put considerable strain on the manpower and supply resources of the BEP. The initial estimate of the paper requirements for invasion currency alone was on the order of 5 billion notes. The BEP was able to increase note production by modifying the printing process to print invasion currency in sheets that were 32 inches by 54 inches which would accommodate 100 large size notes (such as the 50, 100, 500 and 1000 lire Allied Military Currency notes) or 200 small size notes (such as the 1, 2, 5 and 10 lire AMC notes). In contrast, US currency was printed in 12 subject sheets.

Producing paper for invasion currency was also problematic. Nine different mills produced paper for the invasion currency. The BEP was not the only government customer for the product of the mills. The output of almost all rag paper mills in the United States was used in manufacturing bazookas for the Army.

Cotton for the production of invasion currency was also hard to come by. Having exhausted all of their usually supply avenues, the BEP turned to the Army and Navy who provided rag cuttings from uniform production. Despite the production requirements and supply problems in the production chain, all the paper furnished to the BEP and the finished products produced by the Bureau for military needs were completed on time with no delays in manufacture or delivery.

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EDITORIAL

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For those concerned: Happy Saint Patrick's Day !

As we indicated Friday, we signed up for binhost over the weekend, but there was a glitch. We are in the process of reviewing the procedure to see what needs to be done to get the situation resolved. In the meantime, we will continue to publish the Gram the old fashioned way so no one misses any issues.

Before you start sending letters to the editor about another one of Howard's Highway Patrol related stories, let me say this will be the last one unless Howard can show a trooper actually produced a Fest challenge coin (of their own) or the meeting was directly related to numismatics.

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Dear Newbie Editor,

While driving back from the Phoenix Mini-Fest (to qualify for inclusion in the Gram), I was on I-20 between Columbia, SC and I-95, and saw a small red car bouncing, and I mean bouncing, and then smoke coming from it as it went to the shoulder with smoke coming out from under it. The car was about a half of a mile in front of me and then the reason came into sight. There was a large piece of tire from an 18-wheeler in the right lane. I put on my blinkers and stopped at an angle in the lane; got out and pulled the heavy piece of rubber to the shoulder. As I got to the shoulder, a car coming the wrong way on the shoulder stopped in front of me and scared the crap out of me. It turned out to be a SC Highway Patrol car and he came down a nearby off ramp the

wrong way to get to the rubber too. He got out and thanked me for pulling the "alligator" off the road and avoiding another accident like to the red car. I told him I owed one of his comrades in Louisiana a favor.

I was going to explain it too him when someone tried to pass my vehicle on the shoulder and stopped on the shoulder facing us!!! The trooper smiled and said he had a ticket to write and I got back into my vehicle and drove on. In CB (citizens band radio) lingo, a piece of tire on the highway is called an "alligator" because the tread looks like the back of an alligator.  
Howard

Dear MPC Gram,

I read with great interest about the Philippine Guerrilla note the the 125th infantry. Is the the Philippine 125 infantry? I assume it must be. My father, Kenneth L. Hallenbeck, Sr. was commanding officer of the Michigan National Guard 125th Infantry during WWII and the regiment never got out of the U.S., but spent the war guarding the Calilifornia coast line from north of LA to south of San Francisco. Actually my father was a Lt.Col. during WWII and was commander after WWII was

over from around 1946 to 1950 or so.

Ken Hallenbeck

[Dear Ken, Your assumption is correct, the 125th mentioned was originally part of the Philippine Constabulary, as noted by the letters "PC" after Suarez's signature, which was incorporated into the military during the war. Larry Smulzcenski provided this information and he can provide more details if desired - Ed.]

Dear Gram,

New Fester Schuffman reporting:

Again just want to say thank you for such a fun and rewarding time! I was able to get answers to several bond questions that I had.

Larry Schuffman

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Series 9, No 1617 Tuesday, March 18th, 2008

Notes on the Fest,  
by Neil Shafer

It was a wonderful Fest! Even though my brain went dead and I lost to the repeating Champ, it was a great time. While there I found out that the IBNS meeting at CPMX scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sat. had no program, so I asked Joe Boling if he would be able to present one- and luckily for all of us, he agreed to do so! This is one to put on your "must-do" list as his talks are always of a very high caliber. The subject? What else but counterfeiting! Immediately following the IBNS meeting is a mini-fest, and at today's Midwest Chapter meeting (yeah, I know, it's a week late but only for these 2 months) Jim Downey presented the special mini-fest Chicago noted to be paid to those in attendance who qualify. They are super-nice, I can tell you- but I won't say more than that. You'll have to come see for yourself or find out otherwise. There was some serious discussion about scheduling for Fest X. Despite the great participation by about half or more of those in attendance at Show-n-Tell (and exhibits, of which mine was one of a couple only) I am firmly of the opinion that EVERYONE there should be

able to share some small item of whatever kind with us. And in order to make enough time for that kind of participation, we can alter bourse hours to Thursday evening after dinner until around 9 p.m., then all morning Friday from 8 to 12 noon, and then the festivities begin. Bourse gets pretty well wound down by mid-afternoon at the latest, and then we just have to wait for evening. Comments, anyone?

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EDITORIAL

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Neil brings up some good points and we are aware that there are differences of opinion especially with respect to everyone being required to have some type of show and tell item to present. This is a loosely adhered to procedure at mini-fests and is supposedly the reason pay/commemorative note is issued, but I have never seen anyone denied pay for lack of a presentation. To implement Neil's suggestion requires rearranging of the training schedule and the possible elimination or curtailment of some events. I'm sure most everyone has an opinion or suggestion. Perhaps the issue should be discussed in the near future so that whatever decision is reached can be implemented for Fest X. All comments will be published.

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Dear Gram,

I read with great interest Jim Downey's discussion of BEP paper experiments during WWII. Did any of these experiments circulate other than the R and S notes?

Fred



Dear Editor,

The Noble Auction of April 8-11 has MANY, MANY lots of interests to Gramsters! Almost every category has something from WWI and WWII so it would pay for everyone to go through the entire catalog at [http://www.noble.com.au/auctions/browse\\_cat.php?sale=87](http://www.noble.com.au/auctions/browse_cat.php?sale=87) except for the obvious ancients and similar areas.  
The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Gram As a newbie in the MPC area, and I am fairly sure I'm not alone, it would be appreciated if some of the more experienced collectors would submit, say every other gram, a short tutorial on the basics. Detailing what the different issues of MPC for the different theaters included. Maybe a short introduction to the new POGS? I personally have not a clue.

With high hopes

Dean Shelton Beautiful state of Maine (in the boonies)

[Dear Dean - There is no doubt in my mind that when our publisher reads this he will have a response to your first request - Ed.]

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Series 9, No 1618 Wednesday, March 19th, 2008  
Romanian War Bonds,  
by Mark "Sparky" Watson

I'm looking for assistance in verifying a variety on the colorful Romanian war bonds. The variety might already be known and documented, but as the Romanian war bonds were accidentally omitted out of World War II Remembered, I don't know the status. Specifically, I'm talking about the 100 Lei bonds that look like this:

[http://pages.sbcglobal.net/mark.c.watson/\\_images/a-100leibond1.jpg](http://pages.sbcglobal.net/mark.c.watson/_images/a-100leibond1.jpg)

I have seen two different varieties of this type. Though initially they look identical, there are a few subtle changes. First, the type of paper they were printed on is different. Variety "A" is printed on a slightly heavier card stock; Variety "B" is closer to normal bond paper. With regards to the differences in the printing, there are three that I have identified: the color of the series identification (front, middle left), font size for the printer's name (?) (front, lower right), and signature block for the issuing official (back, lower left). This scan shows the differences for both varieties:

[http://pages.sbcglobal.net/mark.c.watson/\\_images/Differences.jpg](http://pages.sbcglobal.net/mark.c.watson/_images/Differences.jpg)

So if all Gramsters can please look at their Romanian bonds and tell me what they have, I would really appreciate it. Though I only have the 100 Lei, I know this bond type was released in a 500 Lei denomination as well; any other denominations? Please send any information you have denomination, paper type, series color, printer font size, presence of signature block on back to mcwatson@yahoo.com . Feel free to include images if available.

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EDITORIAL

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Ray Czahor of Cookiejarpi@verizon.net called to say that his computer is down and he is out of touch for the present. He is working on the results of Mailbid XI and will get them out as soon as he is back on line which he hopes will be within the next few days. Ray also reports that he is in contract to acquire CM Nielsen's collection of Philippine Guerrilla notes. More details on this are expected.

We sent a test Gram out to a few subscribers via binhost and asked them to reply to the Gram if it was received. One affirmative response came back so it appears that the test was successful. Progress is being made.

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Bill Myers

[Dear Bill, an article is always welcome and I'm sure many readers would be interested - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

I have to say I am so excited about MPC Fest X that I have already started to work on it. Remember space is limited so get your reservation in as early as possible. Yes, my staff and I are ready to take your reservation, for the Grand Fest ever. I expect it to surpass every fest we have ever had. Please, do not wait till the last minute to reserve your special

spot. Come and enjoy the fest along with the rest of us. MPC Fest X will start for those of you who want to join the early fun on Thursday April 16, 2009. Those of you who want to avoid the special Thursday night activities and networking the fun will start Friday April 17, 2009. I highly recommend coming in on Thursday and getting that extra day in. Those of you who missed the wonderful fish fry on Sunday night, hopefully you will plan to attend in 2009, it was the best fish I have ever had. I will look forward to your calls 419-732-7322. Thank you everyone for such a wonderful time at MPC Fest IX. As always, I have such a good time with each and every one of you. By the way Harold you still owe me one. I will look forward to that payback at MPC Fest X.

Last item to discuss, we still have t-shirts from MPC Fest VIII and MPC Fest IX left so anyone who would like to purchase one please give us a call and we will get one out to you. Thank you, to those guests who have called 1-800-HOLIDAY, asked for guest relations, and made a compliment about our property and service. Those compliments are greatly and whole-heartedly appreciated.

Till we meet again at MPC Fest X, I wish each and every one of you a Happy Easter and wonderful health. God Bless.

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Trip Report

by Fred Schwan

Last week I had the pleasure of making a presentation at the Cincinnati Numismatic Association. I had a great time.

On the way to Cincinnati, we stopped at Jeffreys antique mall in Findlay. This is a great place. I can spend an entire day there, but seldom have the chance to stay more than a few minutes. Jeffreys is right on I75 in Findlay. It took many years of passing by outside of business hours before I had the chance to stop the first time. I still have difficulty getting there during business hours, but I work much harder at it now.

I only found a few very minor things, but Judy hit the jackpot. She found two nice WWII trench art bracelets for our developing trench art collection. They were at modest prices too! I have been having a lot of fun working on WWII trench art.

The stop at Jeffreys put us behind schedule so we met the group at Rock Bottom Brewery on Fountain Square right down town Cincinnati. This place is wonderful, but it is poorly (very) named. Basically,

this is place where needy families can go to eat, but the needy customers need to work on technique. The way it works (or should) is for families to order desert only. Specifically, they should order carrot cake. The cake can easily feed a family of 12 with plenty left over. I can imagine some future religion being based upon the cake miracle.

Thank you CNA (Cincinnati Numismatic Association) for a very nice meal. The monthly meeting is only a few blocks away. This is a wonderful coin club. About twenty five people were in attendance including five Festers: Louise and Joe Boling, Gary Hicks, Judy and myself. Gary Hicks was there as a result of the Gram. Gary had his MPC and Fest collections laid out for everyone to see. Gary had completed his 90 piece MPC collection at the Fest so it was particularly nice to see that. I was also particularly pleased to see his extensive collection of Fest money and other Fest issues. I feel particularly bad that I did not get a chance to look at his collections in greater detail. Neil Shafer will really like this. The meeting starts out with show and tells. I think that every single person had a S/T. That was quite wonderful. I then gave an expanded S/T on the Series 692 progressive proof set. Everyone seemed to appreciate the beauty of this set.

Joe Boling paid everyone who gave a S/T. The notes were overprinted MFC Series 071 notes. I suspect/hope that he will report more on this aspect of the meeting. Joe is on the schedule for a presentation in May. If it is at all possible, I will attend that meeting.

As you would likely anticipate, I recruited for Gram subscribers and new Festers. Gene Hessler is a loyal Gramster, but he has not (yet) been to a Fest. I really worked on him. Based on this meeting, I think that he will be there next year. Gene's presence will be a great asset to the Fest. As I have often predicted, if he comes once, I do not think that he will miss another one.

During my presentation, Gene had a nice little tidbit of MPC research. I will not tell it here in the hope that Gene will submit it.

In Gram 1617 there were a few things requiring comment. Neil brought up a subject that we have discussed several times before. He thinks that everyone should give a S/T at the Fest. This is of course an interesting idea. The basic reason that I have not implemented this idea is something that I learned at about Fest IV. There a new Fester told me that he had not attended a Fest before because I strongly encouraged double occupancy and he said that he does not share hotel rooms at all, much less with someone that he does not know. From that I learned

that there are often different ways to look at things. To look at it yet another way I wanted everyone to participate in March Madness. I expected that there would be hesitancy especially on the part of new collectors. Well, that has worked out even better than I expected. I think that the key was awarding sterling participation medals. While that may have been the initial reason for such willing participation, I think that the tradition of participation has been institutionalized well enough that people would probably participate without the tangible reinforcement. I suppose that the likely conclusion should/could be that we start giving the silver medals for a S/T rather than for March Madness participation. Na, if it aint broke dont fix it. One last remark on Neils comments. I believe that

there is enough time for more S/Ts without radically changing the overall Fest schedule. In spite of this, I have to say, that I am considering various ways to expand Fest X. I have some minor things in mind, but I have not come up with really big things. I do have something in mind for a great field trip on Sunday afternoon or possibly Monday as a post Fest trip. We will discuss this more over the next year. We certainly want your ideas on this.

Dean Shelton suggested that there should be a column for beginners in the Gram. I think that this is a good idea. It has been discussed before. I think that Sparky started such a column, but there were only a few columns. Here is a great chance for someone to become a columnist and do good too. Indeed, there could be two (or more) such columns. One could be on MPC, the other on the broader topic of WWII military numismatics. Then, of course, David Klinger could do one on WWI (I would especially like to read that one as I expect that I would learn a lot.

This column would sort of fill in for the discontinued March Madness question feature. Actually, that feature was remarkably time consuming since I did not simply want to list the questions as they appear on the cards. It seemed (and seems) to me that the written versus oral format of the mediums required some additional work.

The columnist for a beginners column could simply open the MPC book or WWII Remembered to any page, select a topic, and prepare a column. Most pages offer enough material for multiple columns. I would expect that the columns would be of interest to more than beginners. Certainly some of them would generate some letters to the editor and other comments. Those are good things.

As far as copyright issues, such a column would probably be considered fair use, but even if it did not, I give permission for such use as long as the

columnist at least adds some commentary. Typically, I imagine that even if the columnist did not have anything to add in the way of subject matter, he/she could (should) at least comment on why the item discussed is important.

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In response to Danny's question (see Mail Call below) I recently spoke with Doug (the Wiz) Bell who reports that Ray Feller has expressed interest in maintaining the Papermoneyworld website. That being the case I have all the Grams published since the Phoenix Gram late last year and can have them posted to the website for reference and review.

More good news from binhost: we are up and running as soon as all the subscribers lists can be moved from Yahoo to Binhost. This should not take long and I expect we will be totally functional early next week just in time before I leave for Maastricht.

Fred's column addressed Dean Shelton's request for a tutorial, (a great idea) but did not mention Fred's book on Military Payment Certificates, which, of course, is available from the publisher.

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Dear Editor,  
I just started receiving the Gram and would like to know if there is an online location to view the current and past Grams? Like the database on PMW but for the new issues. I believe those on PMW end at July 2007.  
Hmm, can't seem to find the old Grams anymore.  
Danny

Dear Gram,  
I recently found this web page dedicated to Short Snorters. There is even a Short Snorters Club.  
<http://www.shortsnorter.org/>  
David Klinger  
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Dear Gram,

When I was first introduced to the concept of "military numismatics" by Fred and Joe, I realized that I was already a military numismatist - I just did not recognize the concept. Since then I have attended most of the ANA summer seminars on military numismatics, and one MPC Fest. I took the bait of Fred's comments in his recent editorial, and would like to add to the discussion of military numismatics basic training.

The Great War (WWI) has been of special interest to me for the past several years. Right in front of our faces is the obvious connection of the US Peace Silver Dollars to WWI.

First minted in 1921, the Peace Dollar was created to commemorate the end of The Great War and to celebrate Americas emergence as the pre-eminent world power. It was designed by the renowned Italian medalist Anthony De Francisci, who's wife posed for the image of miss liberty. This inspiring coin features a radiant profile of Miss Liberty on the obverse. A powerful image of the American Eagle graces the reverse, perched on the rock of Peace and proudly watching the sunrise of a hopeful new era of national strength and prosperity. Throughout the Roaring Twenties, Peace Dollars jingled in American pockets. By the mid-1930s, however, the Great Depression was upon us and the world was readying for war once again. In 1935, the U.S. government ceased the production of Peace Dollars altogether.

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David Klinger

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I realize some of you out there are going to cringe, but I still collect those hard, round, metal discs. It all started in 1950 with proof sets and went on from there. I have a nice set of Peace Dollars in addition to commemoratives and other sets. I did, however, make the conversation (addition) to paper money in the mid sixties.

I agree with Dave that the Peace Dollars are a direct connection to WWI, but I am not aware of any other issue directly or indirectly related to the War to end all Wars. I have seen, however, a number of POW issues on eBay used during the war, and of course there were the postal savings stamps used to buy bonds. There are also a good number of postage stamps issued as a result of the war and occupation. I am not aware, nor have I researched, any WWI numismatic issues. The concept, as Dave indicates, is in military numismatics and is not limited to a specific conflict.

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Dear Editor,

I just received a four page list of Persian Gulf propaganda leaflets from William "Bill" Henderson. He does not have email so anyone wanting to talk to him about them will have to call 253-848-9194 or fax him at 253-770-0880. His mailing address is P.O. Box 73037, Puyallup, WA 98373-0037. If you are interested in WWII Chinese notes, Bill's

friend; Ker-Min Lee, is selling his collection and you can ask him about it too.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

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Series 9, No 1621 Tuesday March 25th, 2008  
Bond Sales,  
by Warner Talso

The scope of the WWII U.S. bond effort continues to amaze me. And it is the small vignettes that add rich flavor to the history. Here is another one.  
The "El Rey" movie theater in downtown Albuquerque is a historic landmark. It was opened in 1941 and has a very rich Spanish-style architecture. Over the years it has been refurbished and given new life. Now there is a campaign to restore it yet again. A gentleman wrote a Letter to the Editor of the Albuquerque newspaper reminiscing about his going to the El Rey in his youth. He and his friends would go to the matinee every Saturday afternoon. (at this time typically theaters showed movies for kids: A serial (Don

Winslow, Perils of Pauline, etc. and two adventure movies). This gentleman was give a quarter by his mother - 5 cents to get into the movie, 10 cents for a coke and candy, and 10 cents to buy a War Savings Stamp.

We now that bonds and stamps were sold by the government, banks, businesses, employers, Philadelphia newspaper boys, milkmen, and now, movie theaters. Amazing.

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I would like to extend thanks and appreciation to Wayne Homren, editor of the E-Sylum, and Doug Bell who were very helpful in getting us up and running. By the way (her comes an unabashed plug) if you don't get the E-Sylum you are missing out.

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Dear Gram,

Anyone wanting a overview of WWI should access the web site for the National WWI Museum.

On December 2, 2006, the National World War I Museum opened in Kansas City. It is designated by Congress as the nations Official WWI Museum.

This site was dedicated on November 1, 1921 . The main

Allied military leaders spoke to a crowd of close to 200,000 people. It was the only time in history that these leaders were together at one place. In attendance were Lieutenant General Baron Jacques of Belgium; General Armando Diaz of Italy; Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France; General John J. Pershing of the United States; and Admiral David Beatty of Great Britain.

<http://libertymemorialmuseum.org/index.aspx> David Klinger [The link is worth the look - Ed.]

Dear Gram,

On Saturday, March 29 at CPMX I will speak on our new book (with Ray), "Silent Witnesses: Civilian Camp Money of WWII." The talk will show some very rare items from these camps. The talk is at 1 PM. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.  
Steve Feller

Dear Editor,

In the Fall 2007 issue of On Point, The Journal of Army History, there is a book review about Confronting Captivity: Britain and the United States and their POWs in Nazi Germany, by Arie J. Kocahvi. University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, 2005, ISBN 978-0-8078-2940-0. Illustrations, Maps, Notes, Bibliography, Index. 382 pages \$49.95.

The review was written by an old friend of mine; George J. Veith, who wrote the Operation Brightlight book about POW, MIA and BNR operations during the Vietnam War, which I worked on when I was detailed to MAC SOG for a year.

If you are interested in POWs of WWII, I believe this book by Mr. Kocahvi could be a useful addition to your library.

Happy Year of the Rat!

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Series 9, No 1622 Wednesday, March 26th, 2008  
Points,  
by Roger Urce

While I was waiting to get my hair cut yesterday, another customer entered the shop and I recognized him to be a man I had installed a lighting fixture for a week or so prior. At the time of the installation he mentioned he was a World War II veteran having served in General George Patton's army in Africa. He sat down next to me and we started to chat about his experiences. Max told me his first action was the invasion of North Africa where he landed on the beach at Casablanca. He received resistance from the Vichy French who later surrendered. He also related he was at Kasserine Pass where the American Army took a bit of a beating. He was next involved in the invasion of Sicily and was later assigned to duties in Corsica and Sardinia finally winding up in northern Italy just after the fall of Rome. At that time he said he had accumulated enough points (104) to be rotated home as he had done his part. While waiting to be shipped out he went to a USO show featuring Frank Sinatra and Phil Silvers and the obligatory lovely young starlets. Max is 91 years old and just started to talk and I was content just to listen until he told me about the autographs he was able to get at the USO show. Seems he didn't have any paper so he used one of those Lira notes he had been issued in Italy. At that point I mentioned the term "short snorter" which he had not heard and he was also not aware of the tradition associated with the note or the lack to produce thereof. We had further conversation and I showed him my challenge coin (yes - I ALWAYS have it with me) and briefly told him about the Fest and related activities. I also mentioned AMC Francs and Marks which he was aware of but had never been issued. I asked him if he still had his note and he said he did have it along with a few other souvenirs of his service. I said I would like to see them and it was agreed that it would be okay. That will be the subject of a future article.

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EDITORIAL

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I would imagine we will get more letters like those from Ray Bows and Herb Friedman now that we have added everyone in the yahoo address book to the Gram subscription list. For those just receiving the Gram again, we resumed publishing in December of 2007 with the Phoenix Gram number 1567. We expect to have all the previous Grams archived in the papermoneyworld data base in the near future. Welcome back y'all.

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Dear Gram,  
Since seating is limited, put me down for Fest X.  
Jim Downey

Dear Gram,  
I am very pleased that We are getting The Gram again!  
In Brotherhood,  
Ray Bows

Dear Gram,  
You guys still alive. I haven't received anything in months.  
Herb Friedman

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Series 9, No 1623 Thursday, March 27th, 2008  
Odds and Ends,  
by Joe Boling

A recent (4 March) eBay lot was a very clean AMC B-yen specimen booklet, which sold for \$2550 - I don't recall seeing one go that high before. Well, I was going to recommend that you check out <http://www.frbsf.org/currency/index.html>, but it's "temporarily unavailable." It's the San Francisco Fed's exhibit of US notes - stuff that has come in for redemption through the years, that somebody had the good sense to shortstop. You saw it here first - an eSylum writer was commenting on a new movie that will feature vintage paper money, and wondering whether it would look realistic. I submitted the following that should be in this week's eSylum:

Regarding stage money, and a desire to see film companies use accurate notes: I recently watched all three seasons of "Deadwood." In season one the notes were amazing. By freezing the action and stepping through the money-handling scenes a frame at a time, you could make out brown backs and original series nationals (or series 1875, which used the same designs). In the second season, the money got much more like what Fred Reed has in his book of movie money - you could make out the Sonora notes in one scene. By the third season, the money did not resemble anything I am familiar with. I surmise that someone got in Dutch over the accurate reproductions used in season one, and the accuracy went downhill fast after the props-master was visited by some supercilious federal agent. In Lyn Knight's September sale, there was a set of the Japanese military yen for Indochina, the so-called "ro" notes - the four engraved denominations and the 100 yen, which is litho. These were all circulated pieces, and the set sold for \$1100. Once upon a time I paid the following prices for well-circulated examples of the four engraved notes: \$350 (50 sen, 1983), \$750 (Y1, 1981), \$897 (Y5, 1982), and \$575 (Y10, 1978). That's more than double today's price, paid 25-30 years ago. (I could not tell if the 100-yen piece was actually the "ro" variety - it was covered by the

other notes in the lot illustration. If correctly cataloged, it's a very tough piece itself, known only as a specimen - but the lot did not say anything about there being a specimen present.) All this is by way of saying that there is a similar four-piece "ro" lot in a Baldwin Hong Kong sale 3 April, with an estimate of US\$2800-3300. These are all described as unc (and the 100-yen is missing). In my opinion, the price Lyn Knight got is closer to correct - three denominations of that set are (or have been) available in quantity. Only the 5-yen is still playing hard to get. I think this has been in the gram already - at the Milwaukee ANA, George Fitzgerald showed an exhibit linking the White National Bank of Fort Wayne to astronaut Edward White, of series 681 fractionals fame. Edward's great-grandfather was the founder of the bank.

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CPMX starts today and I expect (hope) a number of Festers/Gramsters will be in attendance and will send in reports from the show.

Tomorrow will be the last Gram until Tuesday at the earliest when we will report from Europe provided I can find an Internet kiosk in Holland. We will have reports on the Maastricht Show and the day trips planned prior and after. I'll have a camera and hope to get some photos of new and significant finds.

Philippine Collectors Note

Ray Czahor advises the final bids from Mailbid XI are posted on his website, cookiejarpi@verizon.net and that he is working on invoices to the winners which he hopes to have in the mail in the near future. His computer is still not fully up to speed.

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Dear Gram

As with others, Thanks for the Gram which has been missing from my life.

Bill Murray

Dear Editor,

Enjoyed your last article about the WWII veteran. When you do part two, can you explain the "points"

system. Don't remember seeing that before - how did they earn points? Ron Waddell

[We are looking into that point (pardon the pun) - anyone out there have an answer? - Ed.]



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Series 9, No 1624 Friday, March 28th, 2008 Points System Explained,  
by Warner Talso

Regarding the question below and the WWII point system. The point system came into effect after VE Day (7 May 1945) as a way of being fair to the servicemen and women in the order they should return to the States and avoiding the demobilization mistakes made during World War I. Note there were about 3 million personnel involved in Europe. Some Divisions were getting ready to go to the Far East and fight Japan. Some personnel were to stay as occupation forces. There were about 50,000 recently released POWs. It was complicated. Research was done over a two year period to decide how



to discharge troops. Soldiers were asked for input. It was agreed to award points based on four factors:

- service credit (number of months in Army since 16 Sep 1940)
- overseas credit (number of months overseas)
- combat credit (number of decorations)
- parenthood credit (number of children under 18 years)

Those with the most points went home first. The pressure to get home was so great that the troop ships were "double bunked". That is, they were loaded to twice capacity and men had to share bunks in shifts. More than you wanted to know!

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Points System Explained,  
by David Klinger

The points system came into effect after VE Day as a way of avoiding the demobilization mistakes made during World War 1 (when it took a long time to return troops home even once the war was over). My own Uncle, Harry Klinger did not return home from France until October, 1919.

Points were awarded as follows:

1 point for each month in the service. 2 points for each month overseas. 5 points each for certain award (Bronze Star, Purple Heart, etc.) 12 points for each child under 18. Once you had 85 points you were entitled for rotation stateside. Although lots of the armed forces were sent home from Europe under the points system, soon after the the end of the war in the Pacific, the points system was abandoned.

In President Truman's "Message to Congress on driving for victory against Japan" (June 1, 1945) he said that:

"The Army's system for selecting the soldiers for release to civilian life represents a democratic and fair approach to this most difficult problem. A poll was taken among enlisted men in all parts of the world. They were asked what factors they believed should be taken into consideration in deciding who should be released from the Army first. More than 90 per cent said that preference should go to those who had been overseas and in combat longest, and to those with children. The Army spent two years developing a program of point credits designed to carry out these views expressed by the soldiers. It checked and rechecked its program and made comprehensive surveys in order to make sure that the plan would achieve the objectives. The system applies equally to the members of our Army in all parts of the world. It embodies the principle of impartial selection that we

applied in drafting our citizen Army and that we shall continue to apply in meeting the manpower requirements of our armed forces until Japan is defeated."  
re: Truman Library [www.trumanlibrary.org/](http://www.trumanlibrary.org/)

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EDITORIAL

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Ask and you shall receive. Two great explanations of the points system. Thanks to Warner and Dave Klinger for the explanations. When I get to see Max again I'll have to ask him some specifics and try to determine how he got to 104 points.  
I just received Ed Hoffman's World War II note listing and it contains some interesting items. I was going to select a few for the Dump Your Dupes section but I couldn't cover all interests so take a look at the whole list at: [edhoffman36@frontiernet.net](mailto:edhoffman36@frontiernet.net)

Lastly, I'll forward the scans of Howard Daniels notes (see his letter in Mail Call) to the [papermoneyworld](http://papermoneyworld.com) website. From what he describes and from what I see on the notes, they do appear to be initialed for evidence.

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Dear Gram,

I have been impressed and envious of the reports on Fest IX.

The next military numismatics major event is the ANA Summer Seminar. I would encourage all Gramsters to consider attending this great annual event. The ANA describes it this way:

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Of course the main courses of interest to Gramsters are the courses taught by Fred and Joe. I will be there for the 18th year in a row. I hope to see many of you there also.

Review the prospects here: [www.money.org](http://www.money.org) David Klinger

Fellow festers:

I have been asked to broker a deal of recently acquired Canadian Victory Loan Bonds from WWII.

Available are: (1) \$500 9th Awesome shape with 28 coupons. Asking \$3,500.00 - The Bond is from the 6th Victory Loan and the number of Bond coupons varies by bond, however from what I've seen it's a beautiful example. It is missing only 4 coupons.

(3) \$100 - 8th, 6th and 7th Loan - all crisp with many coupons. Asking \$750 each

\$50.00 crisp! I was informed that these bonds have ALL THE COUPONS ATTACHED!! 7th (2) available, 8th (4) available, \$500.00 FIRM on these bonds! As I am earning a fee to put the deal together when all bonds are sold I'll donate \$100 of my proceeds to the Education fund. Scans available upon request  
Larry Schuffman

[Editors Note - The above is a combination of two emails sent to the Gram and others. For further clarification email Larry at: uconnl@optonline.net

Dear Editor,

I bought two Series 641 \$10 at least five years ago in Viet Nam and recently rediscovered them. That means I had a Fred Schwan moment. I wrote about them a few months ago and asked if I had bought them for a particular collector. I received only one response and it was from Len Harsel. He wrote that if no one wants them, he will take them. Len and his wife; Sue, recently returned from their annual Florida "snow bird" trip so I took them off my Bay House desk to take up to Northern Virginia to him when I noticed they both had graffiti on their backs. On the back right edge in what appears to be blue ballpoint ink is "TEG, 27 May 68, 1730" And there are initials at the back lower left and upper left 10's. I have attached the images of the faces and backs to this letter.

I believe they are another version of evidence pieces? Has anyone seen this graffiti before? What do you think?

The Master Sergeant Daniel at HADaniel3@msn.com  
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Series 9, No 1625 Saturday, March 29th, 2008

Philippine Mailbid XI,  
by Ray Czahor

Hello Philippine Collectors, 1. Mailbid XI Close Date was 14 March but my computer

went dead early Sunday the 16th and couldn't get it back online until last weekend. Thus I lost a week getting awards completed and a start on Invoices. Awards for Mailbid XI are on my web site as of Tuesday 25 March:

<http://mysite.verizon.net/cookiejarpi/>  
PLEASE have patience!! I received Bids from 158 collectors and my policy is that I send out invoices on awards starting at Bidder #1 and ending with Bidder #158. Over half of my bidders have no email so I must prepare and mail hard copy invoices--this is time consuming. Right now I am only at Bidder #35 (hard copy reviewing his 125 bids). I can do 15 invoices a day so I have a week to go. Also, my policy is to start sending out actual lots only after finishing invoices so please don't rush payments to me and expect lots out next day. I do all the work myself and do it serially. No Bid lots are available at the Minimum bid so please review the Prices Realized Sheet on line as it will be updated twice each week.

2. The interesting news of the day is that I have contracted to purchase the World's largest Philippine Guerrilla/Emergency Currency Collection plus duplicates. I estimate there are over 50,000 notes in the group. However, they are not organized and it will take some time once I receive all of them to sort through. I know of only three probably unique notes that are not in the collection. I have already contacted Neil Shafer to work with him to probably update his 1974 Guerrilla Currency book. More information coming in the near future.

3. Philippine Mailbid Sale XII is already in the planning stages and will occur in July-August 2008. Lots will be available for review at the Baltimore, MD ANA Money Show, 30 July - 3 August. I will accept consignments through 15 May 2008. My charge is 15% only if the lot sells. I received a large consignment for the sale plus many new offerings of varieties from the Jeff Springsteen collection. The sale will include coins, tokens, medals, error coins,

all categories of paper money, stamps, and an extensive listing of books and catalogs.

3. The 6th Annual PCF will be held during the 2008 ANA World's Fair of Money at the Baltimore, Maryland Convention Center on Friday 1 August. The meeting is on the ANA agenda to start at 1:30PM in Room 316 for 4 hours. A presentation on Revenue Stamps on Cagayan Guerrilla Currency by Dr. Gary Weiss and I will discuss the Japan Homma Medal have been scheduled. Neil Shafer is planning to attend and talk, subject to be determined.

I plan to have my own dealer table which is currently Number 901 against the back wall (look for the US Post Office and we will be to the left) near the club tables and exhibits. Tony Pisciotto who handles all types of SCARCE to RARE World Paper Money will be sharing the table with me so give him some business as well.

4. To support the Homma Medal presentation mentioned above, I am redoing an unpublished study I did in 1998 on the die differences between various medals I have seen/collected over the years. I even discovered a new obverse/reverse die combination several months ago. So I am asking collectors if you have any silver or bronze Homma Medals to please send them to me. I will attribute and scan their images and will send a copy of the final study to them. Please send by Registered mail insured for \$500 each. If you can mail them to me by 1 April, I would appreciate it.

5. I have in stock the following books/study/albums if you are interested:

a. Lyman Allen's 6th (2008-2009) edition of "US/Philippine Coins" is in stock now. As in the past, the edition contains new varieties and updated certified coins' listings from the different grading services. Values have been vastly updated. Also included is a coin checklist at the back. Price is \$28 Postpaid to US and APO/FPO addresses. Price to Overseas addresses is \$35 for airmail postage.

b. "History and Mintage Philippine Counter stamped Coins 1828-1839" by Quint Jose MA. Oropilla Y Fortich, M.D. It is well researched containing original archival documents, many photos, and important information about counter stamped coins never before published. This is a large (9 1/2 by 12 1/2 inches) hardbound 225 page book weighing about 4 lbs for shipping. For any Philippine or Spanish Colonies collector having interest in this unique series, you need this book. Cost in the US is \$120 plus \$6 for insured book rate to US addresses.

c. Also available: "The Philippine 1906S Philippine

Peso, Die Characteristics: Genuine and Fake", August 2004. I initially presented this research study at PCF 2004. It has 20 pages with 13 of those color photographs. Cost is \$8.00 postpaid within US and \$10.00 overseas. It was published in the ANA Journal, Summer 2006 edition.

Thank you, Ray Czahor Cookie Jar Collectibles Box 597 Columbia, MD 21045  
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EDITORIAL

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I didn't think I would have any submissions to get a Gram out today, but thanks to Ray Czahor and Joe Boling we do.

Some of the stamps Joe refers to in his COMX report as affixed to the War Savings Certificate from WW I are not very common or inexpensive. They feature portraits of George Washington and Ben Franklin and I have seen them sell in the \$250-\$350 range. The last lot seems to be a good buy at only \$200. Who was pictured on the stamps?

Please remember to send any mail for the Gram to mpcgram@yahoo.com while we are away since I will not have access to my personal email account in Europe.

Links to Howard Daniel's "evidence MPC notes":

<http://www.papermoneyworld.net/grams/images/MPCGraffiti.jpg>

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Dear Editor,

Prices realized (less juice) for the Lyn Knight auction MPCs (and related lots) ("f" following the price means that the lot sold to the floor - all others sold to the book):

1252 \$450  
1253 \$160  
1254 \$275f  
1255 \$1200 1256 \$250f  
1257 \$110f 1258 \$160f  
1259 \$140 1260 \$120 1261 \$140  
1262 \$250  
1263 \$180f  
1264 \$300f  
1265 \$350f  
1266 \$555

1267 \$400f  
1268 \$70f  
1269 \$600  
1270 \$1550  
1271 \$222  
1272 \$480  
1273 \$1200  
1274 \$290  
1275 \$325  
1276 \$1100f  
1277 \$1300f  
1278 \$300f  
1279 \$400  
1280 \$365  
1281 \$275f  
1282 \$150f  
1283 \$2300  
1284 \$950  
1285 \$1050f  
1286 \$160f  
1287 \$950f 1288 \$120  
1289 \$450  
1290 \$105f  
1458 \$200f This four-piece lot contained a 1918 document called a War Savings Certificate that had the same apparent function as the war savings booklets of WWII - stamps were affixed until the sheet was full and it could then be exchanged for a bond. This particular one has three \$5 stamps affixed - a lot of money in 1918. Joe

Dear Editor,  
I would like to recommend Heritage Auctions if you have any notes to sell. I can't go into details until after the April 19th auction is completed but I can tell you that they have been more than fair in handling my auctions. When the auction is complete I will send another update to fill everyone in on the details.  
Bill McNease

Dear Gram,  
Please note that the \$500's HAVE BEEN SOLD.  
There are only 7 bonds left! Contact me for scans.  
Larry Schuffman  
uconnl@optonline.net

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Series 9, No 1626 Saturday, April 2nd, 2008

World War One Savings Certificates,  
by Jim Downey

In MPCGram 1625, Joe Boling referenced a WWI War Savings Certificate which was part of a lot in the Lyn Knight auction at CPMX. He hypothesized that the function of the WWI War Savings Certificate was similar to that of the WWII savings program. The function was the same -- war lending -- but the mechanisms were a little different.

There were three components of the WWI US government lending program:

1) Thrift Stamps, 2) War Savings Certificates and War Savings Stamps, and 3) Liberty Bonds. The first two of these are related but the Liberty Bonds were an animal unto themselves. (I will leave it to Larry Schuffman to cover Liberty Bonds). Liberty Bonds were introduced in June 1917. Thrift Stamps and War Savings Certificates were introduced in January 1918. There were four different issues of War Savings Stamps and Certificates -- 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921.

Thrift Stamps had a value of \$.25 and were sold at face value. They were saved on Thrift Cards and used for the purchase of War Savings Stamps. War Saving Stamps had a face value of \$5.00 but were bought at a discount. War Savings Stamps were pasted to War Savings Certificates and matured on January 1 five years after the year of issue regardless of the time of year it was issued. A War Savings Certificate is nothing more than the card that holds War Savings Stamps. Thrift Stamps did not earn interest but War Savings Stamps earned 4.0% A Thrift Card held 16 Thrift Stamps for a value of \$4.00. The completely filled Thrift Card and an additional sum was exchanged for a \$5.00 War Savings Stamp. The additional sum due depended on the month in which the exchange was made. In January 1918 it was \$.12 and increased \$.01 each month thereafter until it reached \$.23 in December 1918. The increase in the amount due accounts for the interest that would have accrued on the \$5.00 stamp from January 1 of the year of issue. This was necessary to ensure that all 1918 War Savings Stamps had a value with the



accumulated interest of \$5.00 on January 1, 1923. War Savings Stamps could also be purchased for cash at their discounted value. Thrift Stamps purchased in 1918 but not exchanged until 1919 were exchanged for War Savings Stamps that were applied to War Savings Certificates of 1919. The 1919 War Savings Certificates matured on January 1, 1924. However, War Savings Stamps of one year could not be affixed to War Savings Certificates of another year. The design of the Thrift Stamps did not change from year to year but the design of the War Savings Stamps changed annually. There were also separate issues for 1920 and for 1921.

In 1919, the Treasury introduced Treasury Savings Certificates. These were issued in values of \$100.00 and \$1,000.00. Holders could exchange their 1919 War Savings Certificates containing War Savings Stamps that accumulated to even amounts of \$100.00 for a like amount of Treasury Savings Certificates. This continued for the 1920 issue. In 1920, the Treasury also introduced a 1918 Treasury Savings Certificate for holders of 1918 War Savings Certificates. Treasury Savings Certificates were registered in the name of the holder. Registered Treasury Savings Certificates could be redeemed by any authorized issuing agent. War Savings Certificates were bearer instruments but could be registered at a Post Office. Registered War Savings Certificates could only be redeemed at the Post Office at which they were registered. The advantage of registering these securities was the fact that only the registered Certificates could be replaced if lost or stolen.

The Treasury put an end to WWI War Savings program in 1921. In 1923 when the 1918 issues matured, the Treasury initially recommended holders exchange them for Treasury Savings Certificates of 1923. By September 1923, interest rates collapsed to the point where the Treasury stopped issuing Treasury Savings Certificates altogether because their interest rates were far in excess of the market.

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Greetings from Holland! This is (was) the first opportunity for me to use a computer (some of the commands are in Dutch!) which the Parkhotel Rooding was kind enough to let me use. We arrived on Monday and spent the rest of the day catching up on sleep and getting used to the time change. On Tuesday, we went to Bastonge to visit the WW II battle site and take in the museum. We took the back roads, as it were, and

went through the Ardennes, a very picturesque drive. The visit was enjoyable and informative, but there was very little, save a couple of examples of French AMC, in the numismatic area.

A couple of dealers arrived late Tuesday. Today more arrived including Pam West, Mel and Jeremy Steinburg and Ian and Bela Marshall to mention a few. I also said hello to Neil and Joel Shafer at the impromptu "bourse" that sets up in the hotel's restaurant. This "bourse" is ongoing until Friday at 1 PM when the dealers are allowed admittance to the actual bourse. Regular show hours for the public are on Saturday and Sunday.

I did find a couple of notes and saw some interesting items which I will report on next Gram which is, hopefully, tomorrow if I can get to use the computer again.

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Dear Editor,  
Lot 300210961105 is a China 10 Yuan 1945 short snorter note with signatures of the Flying Tigers on it! The opening bid is \$10,000!!! If this sells, is it the highest price ever for a short snorter?  
The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Gram,  
Did they give points for being an ex-POW?  
Ken Berger  
[That's an excellent question and it would seem to me that POW's should get at least what non POW's received - anyone have the answer?- Ed.]

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Series 9, No 1627 Wednesday, April 2nd, 2008  
Boer War Camp Notes,  
by Joe Boling

This is written on 1 April, but there is nothing foolish about it. Following my article about the Green Point Track notes that John Cheney showed us at Fest IX, another gramster has sent me five notes from that camp. Included is a note of a different type that is signed by the assistant commandant. Here is what I learned about these notes. The signed note is significantly different from the

notes illustrated in Campbell, and that most of us have. This is a well-used VG lilac one shilling note. Instead of counters on rectangular tablets at top right and left, it has counters on roundels in the same positions. Instead of the written denomination text being white on a ruled tablet at center, it has the denomination in dark lilac letters on a ruled tablet at center. The text under the tablet is the same as on the Campbell-illustrated pieces, except that it has a comma following the word "only." Thus, "Payable on demand to Prisoners of War only, at the canteen Green Point Track." (I consider this to have a somewhat different meaning than the text without the comma. Perhaps that is why it was changed - maybe the remainders were deemed to be incorrect, were stashed, and have come down to us without ever having been used.) The italic font of this text is similar to, but not the same as, the font on the remainders and replicas. Handwritten diagonally across the note in black ink is the following inscription: 955 [diagonally in upper left corner, evidently a serial number]

J. J. Grydellperkins [underlined]

Capt.

Asst. Comdt.

P.O.W.

14/6/00

The paper that this note is printed on is identical to the paper that the remainders are printed on. Using the ten notes at hand (five of mine, five of his), I have rendered the watermark as:

' ' CROXLEY MANIFEST BANK ' ' LONDON

I am sure about all of these words except "manifest." Examination of more notes will assist in nailing that word down. Above the text is a large coat of arms consisting of a lion rampant left, holding a staff, from which a banner flies that contains text that I have not been able to read. Also in the paper is a very subtle diamond pattern, with sides about 3mm and diamonds about 6m tall. This is not a watermark, but a

pattern left by the screen upon which the paper was manufactured. It is, as I said, very subtle, and visible only when the light coming through the paper is at certain angles. As in my collection, one of the five notes owned by this collector has no watermark, but is on the same paper. Some notes carry only a single letter of the watermark, others significant portions of text. None that I have seen so far has the entire coat of arms - I had to piece that together just like the text. So, I am confident that the watermarked notes in the market are indeed remainders, as they have long been described to be (since they share the paper of the signed and used note). The unwatermarked notes in the market are replicas of the remainders - they are of lower printing quality, and are NOT on the original paper. I repeat my offer to examine Green Point Track notes that other gramsters may own, and to render an opinion as to their originality. I'll let Dave Klinger do the research on Capt. Grydellperkins and Croxley paper.

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EDITORIAL

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First off Gram 1626 should have been dated Tuesday April 1st, not Saturday. After writing Gram 1626 we ran into computer problems. Seems binhost does not recognize the Dutch computer system for some reason and will accept the Gram but will not let me send it out. They have been emailed and we hope for a resolution tomorrow. Anyway we will continue to write Grams and send them out daily and hope for the best. I'll try to call the States and get the Grams sent out from my home computer but that might take some time as the hotel phone system is out and my cell phone doesn't work over here despite my having ATT set it up to do so.  
Wednesday saw a few more dealers arrive and set up shop in the hotel dining room right after breakfast. Most of the dealing was from dealer to dealer and occurred in different languages and in different currencies despite the universal Euro. Conversions had to be made. I saw a few interesting pieces and will report on them in the near future.  
Part of our day was spent in Aachen, Germany, one of the first German cities to be occupied by the Allies during the war. We toured the city (actually we got lost trying to find the center of town and a suitable place to park) and in doing so saw the old mixed with the new. There is no numismatic news to report from Aachen as we didn't find any coin or hobby shops. Despite the on and off rain and the gloom of clouds, all else went fairly well. More tomorrow.

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George

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Series 9, No 1628 Thursday, April 3rd, 2008

Auctions,  
by Steve Swoish

I read the Lyn Knight auction results posted by Joe, & I just wonder what effect the 22.5% juice had in the sale results. I quit buying at auctions when the juice hit 15%, as I have had no trouble finding anything that

I need, in the grade that I am seeking, from private collectors, Ebay, & money shows. I was personally outraged when I saw that the Lyn Knight auction went to a 22.5% juice. I don't care if there was a note that I MUST HAVE, I am not going to pay a house stupid money after having to bid stupid money on a note that

is over graded by their partner in crime. It is time to wake up everyone, these people are robbing you blind. For legal issues, that is MY opinion. Many of you know that my master set is all slabbed, but every note I bought raw. I look at it as my protection factor if you are looking over my collection & accidentally spill your drink. OOPS! No harm, no foul. But, I have a problem with dealers now saying, "I got \$50 into that, I will take \$75, + \$25 for the grading fee = \$100." O.K, KEEP IT! Ski, your probably shaking your head now, never thinking I would say that, huh? Well, I just want people to know that eventually, you will find your prize, it may take time, but you don't have to pay out your A\*\* . Unless of course, it is the last note you need to complete a set! :)

[The Gram invites comments on Steve's column; I agree that over 22% juice is a little outrageous - Ed.]

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EDITORIAL

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We were able to send out the Gram and using the new password sent to us by binhost we ran into the same distribution problems. We will continue to write and try again to get the problem solved.

More dealers arrived today and the dining room filled up early (0745) even as the hotel guests were eating breakfast. Again there was quite a variety. I took a quick look around before and saw that most of the dealer kept their offerings in binders. I looked for binders specific to WW II but didn't see any.

Today we went first to Malmedy which is just south of Liege in Belgium about an hour or so from Valkenburg. As many of you are aware this was the site of the massacre of 84 US soldiers during the Battle of the Bulge who happened to run into a German column at a crossroads. There is a monument erected by the local residents at the spot and on the stone wall are the names of all those soldiers who were killed. There is also a small grotto and some plantings along with an American flag. Just down the road is a museum with a detailed display of artifacts, uniforms, vehicles and maps. As you walk through the exhibits you can listen to a narrative explaining what went on and how the massacre occurred as part of the Battle of the Bulge.

>> From a numismatic point of view, there were examples of French AMC and a variety of coins from Belgium, France, Germany and the Netherlands.

After a late lunch we drove south to Luxembourg to visit the American cemetery. It took us a while as we used the local roads instead of the Auto-ban so as to see more of the countryside. For those of you who like to drive I recommend this route as the scenery was quite nice and roads well maintained. We got to the Cemetery about 30 minutes before closing but were not rushed in any way. The cemetery consists of 5072 graves of US servicemen (and one US Army female nurse) killed during the campaigns of 1944 and 1945 in the Ardennes region. Buried at the head of the cemetery, honoring his own wishes, is Gen. George Patton. There is a small chapel and the grounds are meticulously maintained by the US Government who have rights to the land in perpetuity, although the land is actually part of Luxembourg. The curator/caretaker is a US Government employee (retired USAF) and while speaking to him in his office we noticed a small collection of challenge coins from various US military units. Of course I showed him our coin and explained our group. If you plan to be in the area, say for a money show in Maastricht, I recommend a visit as it's only about a two and a half hour drive.

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Series 9, No 1629 Friday, April 4th, 2008  
April Fools

by Fred Schwan

I missed my annual April Fool message. Darn, I had a good one too. Guess I will have to hold that one for a year. Basically, it was a lack of coordination. I could (and should) have not only coordinated with Roger to get the story in, but even more importantly, I should have written the darn thing and sent it to him in plenty of time for publication on the first. Finally, I need to get Roger to train me on how to put out a Gram with our new system. Although clearly a good idea, it does not excite me.

I attended the Chicago Paper Money Exposition last weekend. I have not been to this show in several years. Mostly that has been because of the proximity of the Fest to CPMX. This year we had a few weeks so I was able to attend. In short, I had a great time. As I think about it, I do not think that I purchased a single item. If you sold me something, please remind me. I did get some nice souvenirs. I hope that Joe Boling (or someone) will write up a more detailed report including the Saturday miniFest. Jim Downey could not attend, but he prepared some great notes. I was jealous of the idea of creating Chicago back and Chicago flag back franc notes copied from AM francs. Yesterday I received a large (and heavy) box of catalogs from Heritage. Based upon the size and weight, I was sure that the box must contain some coin catalogs in addition to the paper money catalogs that is also must include. Well, I was wrong. It included three separate paper money catalogs all for the Central States Numismatic Society convention. Wow. Of course we have known that the Tom Flyn MPC collection was going to be in this sale. I was thrilled to be able to view the Flyn collection (of MPC) at the Fest. Frankly, I doubt that I would have been able to get the viewing done anywhere else in time to get some bids considered and entered. It is interesting that after doing the viewing of the live notes, I also find having the printed catalog is an important tool in working on bids.

There are more things of interest too. There are quite a few North Africa and Hawaii notes. I have to study those and I might find some other things too. I



hope that I get that done in time to make a further report on that.

Roger is in Europe for the big show. I hope that we are able to get a report from while he is there. I have only been to Maastricht a time or two, but I had a great time. I am sure that Roger will too and that he will give us some reports. He will probably break the budget too and I hope that we will get some reports on that too.

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I was hoping for an April Fool message from our Publisher and Battalion Clerk, or possibly from a subscriber. That, I guess, will have to wait till next year.

We are still experiencing problems. The plan now is to send all the Grams to binhost and call my home and have them sent out from there. Hopefully that will remedy the situation until I get home. You may get a number of Grams at one time, so pace yourselves and only read one a day.

Dealer set up in the dining room was somewhat sparse since the show set up at the local pool-house and meeting center is set for 1300 hours. I did find a couple of dealers with binders containing WW II notes and went through one and found a couple of nice pieces that I couldn't seem to find in the US. There were two propaganda issues from Germany which read "Disneyland wont!" (Germany wins) with a large letter "V" above. I also found two Marianne notes, one in nice VF and the other is VG, but very collectible. Another find was a Dutch WW II notes, P51, from 1942 which had been recalled and was over-stamped in Dutch, English and French indicating the note was out of use.

We decided to see what Maastricht itself had to offer and we stopped off to get some cash before we drove to the center of the old town. At that point disaster nearly struck as I was unable to use my cash card for some reason. I inquired at the local bank and was directed to Maastricht to the Postal Bank where a second attempt failed. I began to get concerned that I would not be able to have any funds to buy notes and was sure none of the dealers would trust me enough to let me take the notes, saying that I was a friend of Fred Schwan, and pay them when I got home. We finally got the problem resolved at an International Banking kiosk at the railroad station where I was able to get

a cash advance on my credit card.

We finally got to the center of town where there were a number of small shops and boutiques and while my wife did a little shopping, I found a local coin and stamp shop. Going through his stock of stamps (he had no banknotes) I found a two nice series of Dutch stamps used during the war and commemorating the liberation from Germany. I also found an Italian AMG issue I had been seeking for some time.

Tomorrow the public part of the show will open and I plan to be there to help cut the ribbon. Report(s) will follow and who and what was there and what I was able to pick-up.

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Series 9, No 1630 Sunday, April 6th, 2008  
Philippine Collectors and Bidders,  
by Ray Czahor

1. It has been slow going but I finally finished and sent out the last of 159 invoices tonight from Mailbid XI. If you haven't received an invoice, either hard copy or email in the next few days, please contact me.

Thank you to those successful 45 bidders who have already sent me payment received over the last three days. I will start filling orders tomorrow in the order of payments received each day, based on the postmark on the letter. Usually I can fill 8-10 packages each day so I realize I am behind, but will do my best to get them out as quickly as I can. Two other adverse factors are that I must devote about 20 hours to doing my taxes by 15 April. Also I will be out of the office from 18 through 25 April taking delivery of that huge Guerilla Collection I mentioned in my last email. I will resume sending out orders when I return.

Please check my web site for updates to Mailbid XI Prices Realized. I have already received requests to buy 52 lots that were designated as "No Bids" during the actual sale. Prices Realized is being updated twice each week.

<http://mysite.verizon.net/cookiejarpi/>

I have received several requests for additional scans of lots in Mailbid XI. I am sorry to tell you, I am out of the scanning business for awhile. When my computer went dead last month 2 days after the close of the mailbid, I had it repaired and they loaded the latest operating system--dumb decision on my part. First my printers didn't work and finally got new drivers for them. Then found my USB interface card failed under the new OS--had to buy another one. Well my old scanner would not work with that OS and Microtek, the scanner manufacturer, told me they weren't going to support the new OS! Then I went and bought an HP Scanner last

week. It kind of worked but the scans came out crooked and no one knows why. I took it back to the store and got my money back yesterday. I am going back to Microtek as they say they will have software and a new scanner available sometime in May.

2. Just a reminder, I am still looking for collectors who own Homma Medals as I will be doing a study of them next month. Also, will be looking for consignments for Mailbid XI through the middle of May.

Thanks for patience.

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By now all the Grams from Maastricht have been sent and this year's show has ended. We left Valkenburg at about 1330 today and drove to Brussels to turn in the car and get settled for a couple of days before heading home on Wednesday. I will repdort in detail on the show and the notes but I am going to wait until we rerurn home so I can do so in a series of reports.

As we left Valkenbvurg, we stopped for fuel and I noticed what appeared to be three WW II era military vehicles also taking on fuel. My first thought was that they were part of the Dutch Armed Forces. Turns out the vehicles were authentic and parrt of a local group of Dutch re-enactors dressed in detailed US Army WW II uniforms complete with insignia of rank and shoulder patches of the 101st Airborne Division. My Dutch is non-existant but their English was a lot better and we spoke briefly about their weekend foragys into the past to pay tribute to the US servicemen who never made it back and who were still in Holland. I was able to explain our interest in WW II history and numismatics and showed them my challenge coin and a commemorative coin from Bastogne. I thought it an incredible coincidence that we should meet as we did. They posed or a picture in front of one of the vehicles and I'll send if off to Doug to post on the website.

Tomorrow, Monday, we are off to Brugge, Belgium a very old town near the coast of the North Sea noted for its canals, scenic buildings, lace and chocolate. I'll look for some coin/stamp shops and try to find an internet kiosk to send out the next Gram.

By the way, for the gastronomes out there, french fries are very big over here with stands on almost every corner, but they serve them with mayonaise!

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Dear Editor,  
Steve Swoish and I had a little time to talk before

and after the Phoenix ANA Mini-Fest. Steve has some strong opinions but I like him because he does voice them and does not hide them from you. It irritates the hell out of me when people hide their feelings and then surprise you at a later date.

This morning, I made two bids to a major West Coast auction house. As with every auction house with juice, I find the lots of interest to me; work up the price I want to pay for each one; then subtract the juice from my bid. The owner gets less money but that is a problem between the owner and the auction house. The Master Sergeant Daniel (at HADaniel3@msn.com)

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Series 9, No 1631 Tuesday, April 7th, 2008  
Auction Commissions,  
by Joel Shafer

JUST back from Maastricht and am catching up on e-mail. Was VERY surprised to see Steve Swoish's comments, and (perhaps ill advised, given jet lag)

would like to respond with the same level of intensity in kind.

Steve, please do not take my comments personally. While you are clearly entitled to your opinion, I wish

your opinion was based on FACT. The FACTS can be found in Lyn's Terms and Conditions at his [www.lynknight.com](http://www.lynknight.com) website (segment #5). To summarize and clarify, there is a charge of 22.5% BUT ONLY WITH THE USE OF EBAY LIVE!!! Prompt payment by check/bank wire, which is how the vast majority of customers pay, is 15%, the same rate that Lyn has used for years.

My own personal opinion: my first world paper auction with Lyn was back at CPMX 2002. After seeing first hand many collectors (and believe me, there are MANY) who are truly excited and happy to add high quality, long sought after notes to their collections, they are not responding as if they have been "robbed blind". Again my opinion, such comments are unwarranted and

undeserved. Lyn and his staff work very hard throughout the year, and yes while it is a business the satisfaction of seeing a collector add vital puzzle pieces to his/her holdings is unmatched. Finally, speaking of STUPID MONEY, while getting a consignment from a European dealer at Maastricht an employee from a different auction house came by. As I was writing up the paperwork, the dealer started speaking with that employee (who, judging from the conversation, was someone he barely knew). When the dealer asked what the seller rate would be, that employee said "20%"!!! This startled both the dealer and myself (but I kept on writing). When the dealer finally managed to verify "20%" in a barely audible voice, the employee said he might be able to reduce it a couple of percentage points. I do not know how many auction houses are now using this kind of rate, but I do NOT think the other house is the only one to do so. Again, a matter of perspective.

There is much more I could say, but I do not want the jet lag to overcome my remaining sensibilities and do not wish to utter foolish comments that will later be regrettable.

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The trip to Brugge was productive if you like to visit lace shops, chocolate venders and restaurants where they serve 400 types of Belgian beer and I can go into detail about all that. For those of you who wish that, send me an email and we can get into it in detail. As far as numismatics go, I found nothing. There were a couple of antique shops, but there was

nothing there of interest.

The city tour of Brussels today held out some hope when the tour guide mentioned the one area of town with many stamp shops and places for collectors. I went through a half dozen philatelic and coin shops and found only one with anything remotely connected to military numismatics and that consisted of occupation stamps from World War One. So for two days in in two cities I came up empty. Tomorrow morning we leave for home. After a day to get settled, I'll begin reporting on my experiences and finds from Maastricht.

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Dear Editor,

Just a personal remembrance of the American Cemetery in Luxembourg. In 1993 I was in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg on a concert tour with about 50 other singers. One stop on the tour was the Cemetery. After walking around for awhile, we decided to gather in the Chapel and sing God Bless America to honor these fallen American heroes. We entered and began to sing. By the end most of us were crying, including me. I will never forget that visit or song as long as I live. Bill Haines.

[Dear Bill, Reading you letter got to me. Thanks for telling us about your visit - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

Another GREAT Bond Poster!!!

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Larry Schuffman =====

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Series 9, No 1632 Friday, April 11th, 2008

More odd and ends,

by Joe Boling

Obviously Roger did not REALLY want us to ration ourselves to one gram daily (having received four at once), since he put that instruction in the LAST of the four. Concerning April Fool's grams, even if Fred had gotten his act together and sent off his message timely, Roger was offline that day because of travel and inability to access binhost cleanly. There WAS no gram on 1 April, no matter what the content might have been. In a previous message I reported the prices realized for the MPC and military lots in the CPMX auction (as recorded on the floor). Now that the PRL is on the Lyn Knight website, I can report that only lot 1289 is shown with a "\$0.00" price (dd not sell) - all other "bought in" lots apparently did have bids on the book, and were sold. Lot 1289 was the group of three franc-denominated 1918 military service checks. In gram 1628, Steve Swoish waxed wroth about the buyer's fee in the Knight sale (at 22.5%). The regular fee is still "only" 15% - if you bid online before the sale, or by fax/mail, or in the room, and pay by check, wire, or cash, the fee is only 15%. It jumps to 22.5% if you are bidding through eBay as the sale is live, or through Live Auctioneers (I think this is the same as eBay Live), or if you use PayPal or a credit card to pay for lots won using regular bidding modes. So if you don't want to pay the higher-tier fee, use



traditional bidding techniques and pay by check.  
Note that Spink, last year, went to a 20% fee for ALL modes of bidding, including in the room. I pray that this does not leak across the Atlantic and contaminate Smythe, recently acquired by Spink.

In gram 1629 Fred mentioned the Thomas M. Flynn (note the spelling of the surname) collection of MPC being sold at Central States. He failed to mention that the magnificent MPC collection (65 lots) is just a small part of this collector's holdings - throughout the catalog are lengthy presentations of fractionals (64 lots), large size types (646 lots), small-size types (647 lots), Canadian (475 lots), national currency by Friedberg number (270 lots), and other offerings (such as AMC A-yen). This is a very significant collection. If you don't have the six-plus pounds of catalogs, you can find the lots on line at [www.ha.com](http://www.ha.com).

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Maastricht is a great show and an educational experience. Dealers from forty-nine different countries were on hand, some offering more common notes in bulk lots, but most offering a variety of notes not only from their native countries, but from all around the globe. As mentioned, there were a few dealers who had their notes organized into binders and I was able to find three of four binders dealing with World War II. Other dealers, who saw my pay book in the holder around my neck offered WW II material. Of course the fact that I was carrying a copy of Remembered around kind of gave away what I was looking for.

One note that I found right away was a 10 Yen Soviet Army re validation issue, (P-M35) listed under China, in AU condition. I had been looking for this particular note for quite a while and although not extremely rare, it is one of the key notes in the Military series.

There were a number of Concentration/POW camp notes offered and I picked up a set of Metalwerke Holleischen "movie ticket" notes complete except for the 5RM at a very reasonable price. Also found was a 100 cents note from Westerbork, again, very reasonably priced and in VF condition.

Other finds included a US Zone 10 pfg Taxi ticket (SB 727 - page 306) with serial number prefix and a set of fourteen different Local Emergency Issues of not-geld from Germany (see SB pages 293-5).

A curious find was a Netherlands 2.50 Zilverbon note of 1938, Pick 62, which has two round "Obercommando der Wehrmacht" stamps with the German eagle and swastika, in blue, on the reverse. The dealer had no explanation for the stamps. This one I'll send to Joe for his opinion.

There will be more finds in the next Gram.

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Dear Editor,  
Joel Shafer forwarded me comments about the buyer's premium and how high he [Steve Swoish] thinks it is. I am not in favor of these rates either and we ONLY charge them when you bid on EBAY LIVE because most of those buyers want us to accept credit cards or paypal. Well guess what, those services are not available for free to us and we offer very competitive rates to our seller's and we want to make a small profit at the end of the day. When you bid through us and pay with a good check the premium remains 15% and most members of the MPC collecting community can even get their purchases shipped BEFORE they pay. Try that on eBay. The rates we charge are what's necessary in the internet economy. Personally I like the old ways, but the end result is no matter what the charges are you know before you bid and it's not that tough to figure out the total cost of a purchase and you know we are a real company that takes care of their customers and will continue to make things right.  
Lyn Knight

Dear Editor and Fred

I've been receiving the MPC GRAM. It's very difficult to read. Is there any reason that it is printed in the smallest font available? Can you go up one size for those of us who can't see?

Mike Crabb

[Dear Mike,

We have no control over the font that I am aware of. Yahoo only lets me draft the publish the Gram in one format - Ed.]

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[Editor's Note

In the interest of getting all points of view on the commission discussions aired we are publishing all the letters and comments received as of Sunday evening. In this way all concerned have the opportunity to digest all the information to date.]

Auction commissions,

by Steve Swoish (April 11th)

I am glad to hear from Joel Shafer regarding my opinion on the fees that auction houses charge. I respect Joel & his father is an idol to me. :)

Well, the FACT for me was, I had only the opportunity to use Ebay Live! Why is it more expensive? Yes, I know Ebay charges fees, like ANY auction house does, but if you choose to use that venue also for your auction, either eat it or don't expect my bid. Ebay gives you many more people than would normally view the auctions, correct? A wider & larger audience for your auction I would surmise will relate to a higher selling price for the item, as more people see it than just people at the show or who get the auction catalog. This higher price would more than offset what Ebay charges, BUT by adding the additional juice, I feel that many people have the same feelings I do, YOU CAN JUST KEEP IT! I also believe it is FACT, that if you offer a lower house charge, the collector will offer a higher bid. Am I wrong here? I also believe as the Master Sergeant Daniel said from the grave, people are now deducting the seller juice from their bids, as it has become just too much. Now, if you want me to get into the grading aspect regarding the relationship between graders & auction houses, that is also something I will give my opinion on, as I have seen it all.

Hello Steve,

Roger forwarded me (as publisher) your most recent letter about Lyn Knight et al. Steve you have a few interesting twists there, but

overall I think that your point about not being able to attend a show leaves you only with using ebay is not very valid. Mail, fax and telephone bidding are common. It is also very common to use a friendly agent. I bid for many friends without fee and also ask friends to bid for me. I believe that Roger is going to run your letter before this letter. Possibly now he will combine them I am not sure. I also sent him (Roger) some comments about your previous letter. My comments may sound as though I am defending Lyn which is certainly not the case. The same with the above. I even like controversy, but when being controversial, we have to be careful about accuracy and feelings.

Auction Commissions,

by Steve Swoish (April 13th)

I wish you would have run my response to Joel Schafer's response to me regarding the 22.5 % juice

that was in the recent Lyn Knight auction, along with Lyn Knights comments in Gram 1632. I believe that it was a important factor for bidders that use Ebay Live. Now, I have learned some new things, BUT Lyn, I need to know, if my only availability at the time is Ebay Live to bid on your auction, & I pay by check to avoid other fees to you, is my juice at 15%? I think that this needs to be clarified for bidders, as if I have to pay 22.5% then I will have to leave it alone. Many of us cannot make certain shows, so we cannot participate in the floor auction. So, we have to rely on the on-line availability. I just don't feel that as on-line bidders, we should have to pay 7.5% more juice than a floor bidder. Now, if we can pay by check & only pay the 15%, then that makes much more sense & I would not have a problem with that. Please confirm if this is correct.

Commentary,  
by Fred Schwan

Thanks for forwarding me the newest letter from Steve. I suggest that because his second letter came between Joel and Lyn responses that you ask him if he wants to alter his response. Assuming that he does not (alter it), I would like to make a few comments in the same Gram where his letter runs.

For your information (and Steve's too so you can send him this part of this letter if you like. Or for that matter you may forward this entire letter to Steve (hello Steve)).

At least some of Steve's current letter are correct. Getting more people to look at an auction and even more to bid does not necessarily generate a higher price. Basically, everything is worth what it is worth and having millions of more people look or even bid generally will not make it sell for more. On the other hand, it does increase the chances that the item will sell for what it is worth.

My feeling is that Lyn and others feel that offering the on line bidding is giving a service to a few bidders and that it is not unreasonable for those bidders to pay for it. Additionally, most anyone who is going to pay serious money will find a way around the extra fee--bidding directly etc.

Why do auction houses charge buyer's fees? (Besides the too simplistic answer of trying to make more money.) My view is that it is because of the competition to offer lower fees to the consignors. Until the 1970s, buyers' fees were not routinely charged in the US. I believe that the first major firm to charge them was NASCA. I can remember a statement published when the firm first started the practice. It pointed out that it was a long-standing European

practice. Of course Howard and then Steve are correct, buyers (and sellers) calculate as best they can the effect of various fees as they decide on their buying or selling strategies.

It is wonderful to be able to have discussions about our hobby here in the Gram, but I hope that this one does not go on too long, because it does not have a lot to do with military numismatics (yes, yes, yes, I know the counter arguments).

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Sorting through the comments about commissions and the reference to grading, the bottom line, in my opinion is this: if you want the note and agree with the grade make your best offer then pay the cost. If any one of these factors is not to your satisfaction, then pass. There is also a big difference in buying from a auction house with a pedigree, or from a fellow collector/dealer/seller with whom you have a relationship than from eBay. In the end you, the buyer, are the final judge.

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Dear Editor,

I sent an email which made Gram 1610 asking for you to sign Kathy and myself up for Fest 10. I hope that registration fees listed in Gram 1631 are a late edition April Fools joke!!

Dan & Kathy Freeland

[Dan, the fees are correct and not a misprint - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

Good Day! Would you please post the following:

Saturday, April 19 at the CSNS at 9:30 AM

Roundtable Discussion: 20th Century War Bonds

Their Origins and Historical Significance Convention Center, Room 42

This will be an open meeting for all to attend.

Questions??? Call Larry Schuffman 973-978-9757 Thanks!

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Series 9, No 1634 Tuesday, April 15th, 2008

Armed Forces Leave Bonds,

by Jim Downey

One of the great thrills of research is finding unexpected information in unexpected places. While doing research for an article on Adjusted Service Bonds, I was directed to a document titled "Current Business" dated August 1947 put out by the Department of Commerce. The document contained an article titled "Redemption of Armed Forces Leave Bonds". The subject of the article was a prediction on the effect of the immediate redemption of Armed Forces Leave Bonds upon the economy using the experience of the redemption of Adjusted Service Bonds in 1936 as a model. The prediction was that it would have a substantial expansionary effect on the economy.

Armed Forces Leave Bonds were issued after WWII as compensation for unused leave. The amount was based on accrued leave, rank, subsistence and quarters allowance and length of service. Payment was limited to 120 days of accrued leave. The bonds are IBM data cards with the portrait of former Treasury Secretary Carter Glass on them. The denomination was printed on each bond based on the amount due the recipient in multiples of \$25.00 with a minimum of \$50.00. The amount due in excess of the multiple of \$25.00 was paid by check. The bonds earned 2.5% and had an original maturity of 5 years. In July 1947 the terms were modified to permit immediate redemption of the bonds.

The following information concerning Armed Forces Leave Bonds is taken directly from the "Current Business" article.

As of June 30, 1947, approximately 8,500,000 veterans held Armed Forces Leave Bonds having a face value plus accrued interest of 1,838 million dollars. Fifty-four million dollars had been redeemed through death and applications to insurance premiums. Although it is difficult to estimate how many of the remaining 6,000,000 veterans of World War II are eligible for bond payments and may be expected to make applications before September 1, 1948 (the new deadline replacing September 1, 1947), indications are that the bonds already issued constitute the bulk of the Government liability.

The average holding (face value plus interest) is 216 dollars and 82 percent of the total bond value is in denominations of 400 dollars or less. While the size of the bonds ranges from 50 dollars to 1,000 dollars and more, the greatest concentration of total bond value is in the smaller denominations, with almost 30



percent of the total value in 125 to 200 dollar bonds, and an additional 29 percent in 225 to 300 dollar bonds. The concentration of veterans holding bonds in the smaller denominations is even greater, with 93 percent of the veterans holding bonds in denominations of 400 dollars or less, and 39 percent in denominations ranging from 125 to 200 dollars. A chart accompanying the article showed the distribution of bonds as follows (the first number is the approximate number of bonds outstanding, the second is the approximate amount outstanding in each category both as of June 30, 1947):

\$50-100	1,762,000	\$142,000,000
\$125-200	3,284,000	\$544,000,000
\$225-300	2,016,000	\$529,000,000
\$325-400	812,000	\$295,000,000
\$425-500	336,000	\$157,000,000
\$525-1000	275,000	\$152,000,000
\$1025-	15,000	\$19,000,000

Unfortunately, inquiries to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Bureau of the Public Debt to determine the number of bonds outstanding today have been met with no response.

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#### EDITORIAL

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There wasn't a lot of MPC at Maastricht, and what I did see, save for the notes described below, was fairly common issues in conditions ranging from Fine to AU. One of the two highlights was a series 471 \$5 in XF condition property of Andrzej Podczaski. I got the impression the note might be for sale, but no price was mentioned. "Andy" is in the process of writing a book on WW II ghetto, POW and camp notes. His draft was well along and was in Polish. I mentioned the Feller's book Silent Witness and he indicated he was aware of it.

The other piece of MPC worth mentioning was another \$5 note, this one a Series 692 which was marked as evidence. It appeared to be an authentic issue and it was for sale at a quoted price of 125 Euro which I thought was very high.

There were also a few pieces of US currency available. I did see one dealer with a complete pack of 100 US dollar notes, Series 2006, which sold for 130 Euro.

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Dear Editor,

In the Spring 2008 issue of On Point, The Journal of Army History is an article; Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. In one sentence about it holding POWs (Japanese and German) during WWII, it mentions there was also an "enemy alien" camp on the post too. Is this new information for those who collect "enemy alien" pieces? The fort has a "Commemorative Area" which includes a History Center so there might be financial instruments on exhibit or stored there. Who lives near Fort McCoy and can investigate the History Center?

The Master Sergeant Daniel [Ft. McCoy is located on Route 21, between Sparta and Tunnel City, Wisconsin, just west of the junction of Interstates 90 and 94 - Ed.]

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Series 9, No 1635 Wednesday, April 16th, 2008  
Two More Pence,  
by Richard Lobel

I would like to throw my 2 pence in on this one...  
Having been a coin and banknote dealer for the past 53 years, yes I know I look younger, but still tell me it feels so good! I hated the auction houses when they brought the buyers premium in, don't forget in Europe it can run as high as 20% plus 17.5% VAT on the premium, neither of which is allowed to be reclaimed.

On the other hand, sometimes auctions are good even for dealers.

I put two coins in an auction in September, one was reserved at 200 and the other at 250, one brought 1,100 and the other 1,600. The auction house charged me 5% as an established dealer and both of us were very happy. I would never had the b...s [courage] to ask those prices, but both coins were bid on and both were bought by collectors.

On the other hand, a hoard of Roman coins has just been sold at auction. We offered to buy them before the auction for 25,000 plus 15% buyers premium plus the 17.5% tax on the buyers premium. The auctioneer thought it was a good offer and he passed it onto the sellers, who got greedy. The hoard brought 19,200 and the sellers lost 6,000 the auction house lost 1,200 (5% seller and 15% buyers premiums).

So sometimes auctions are good and sometimes they are bad. As both a collector and a dealer, I have to use them from time to time to sell items that just won't move, after all they do tend to get exposure to collectors we do not mail out to and we do 30

publications a year and spend over half a million dollars a year on advertising. Some collectors will only buy from auctions because they feel they are paying the right price. Comments on that some other

time. As a dealer I have to use auctions to replenish my inventory. As a collector, I get to see things that I might not have been offered.

Auctions love them or hate them, we have to learn to live with them. In many cases the collector is better off selling to a dealer. Immediate payment, no waiting six months for the auction and then some to be paid. No unsold lots returned and you will be, from time to time, better off and less stressed selling to a dealer.

I think American collectors have it too good, the auction houses will shave the commission and sometimes even give you part of the buyers premium. We need auction houses and they need us, so

lets just learn to live with them.

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More finds at Maastricht:

During WW II there was a need for special issues of Philippine currency. There were three basic sets, all identified by their series and serial number range. The first set was series 1941 Philippine Treasury certificates which were made to look circulated, a second were the Aviator packets to be used as

emergency money by Allied pilots and a third was series 1936 which was requested after series 1941. I have an aviator's note and I was pleased to find a series 1936 five peso note in about VF (okay - better than Fine but not as good as VF) for a reasonable cost. Looking through another dealer's offerings, I found a three note set of Ministerie van Oorlog issues. This was my first opportunity to see the notes, all uncirculated, in person and they were quite impressive.

I've sent a pictures of a number of notes to Doug and they will be posted on the website.

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Festers,  
I'm looking for a roommate for the next Fest - non-smoker.  
Cheers,  
Sparky

Dear Gram,  
I have been to Ft McCoy several times. Around 2001 I toured the Historic area. It had a few of the barracks as well as some outside displays of vehicles. As I remember only one barracks was recreated to look like it did in WWII but I do not remember any numismatic items. Things could have changed or I missed them.  
Bill Myers

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Series 9, No 1636 Thursday, April 17th, 2008  
More on Auctions,  
by Steve Swoish

Well, first I did not think this would become a big item here once Joe had explained that you can still get the 15% juice if you do it correctly. I learned some new things as far as bidding on items that are not in my immediate availability. Fred, thank you for letting me know about the phone bidding & such, I will keep that in mind from now on.

Now, I still do not like the 22.5% for any type of bidding, this is way to much. I also must disagree with Fred regarding his "it is worth what it is worth" segment. I feel that if the item is offered by more venues, more people will look, thus making the item more valuable. Yes, I have MY worth, Fred has his, but many people may have a different worth, especially if it is a must have note, or it has other meaning to the bidder. A note is worth what it is worth only to you, others may have a different worth, right? Also, offering on-line bidding will not add "a few more bidders." It can offer MILLIONS more bidders, sorry, you cannot argue that. Now, I do have a situation where I had bid on a note in the Goldberg auction last month, on-line, & I lost out to a floor bidder with the same bid I had. I had pre-bid 6 days before. Can someone please tell me what happened there?

[See Mail Call below for two letters that should help put the commission discussion to rest - Ed.]

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Looking through some notes from a Norwegian dealer I noticed that the prices seemed high. Fairly common pieces of AMC were priced in three digit numbers. I continued looking and there were more common notes with what seemed to be very high asking prices. Another customer standing next to me inquired of the dealer who apologized and said the prices were in Norwegian Kroner and not in Euros and that the last number of the asking price should be disregarded. This made a lot more sense and made me realize that I should ask what currency was being used by each dealer

and not assume it was Euros. That then brought about the problem of converting Pounds Sterling and US dollars to Euros and remembering not to forget that the Euro was about \$1.55 US at the time, so that note marked at 20 (Euro) was really about \$30. As an aside, when you notice the price of fuel it looks great: 1.20 on the sign at the station. But then you realize it is 1.20 Euro/liter and that works out to about \$4.50 a gallon and that was for diesel. Regular gas was 1.45 Euro/liter.

That brings me to some other points about the Euro. While it is convenient not to have to convert to the many different currencies previously used throughout Europe, the Euro notes are all different sizes and the lowest denominated bill is the five. They are also not as "thick" as US notes which plays havoc with my large "custom" paperclip which I use as a money clip. There are few fives used in commerce (in my experience) and you wind up with one and two Euro coins which necessitates carrying a pocket full of change, which is one thing I try to avoid. In addition, depending on which country you're in, the lowest denomination is the ten cent Euro coin, which means all transactions are rounded. In Belgium the one and five cent Euro coins are still in use but will be eliminated in the near future as they are presently in the Netherlands and as far as I know in Germany. I don't recall spending any money in Luxembourg so I can't tell you the practice there.

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Dear Editor,  
Ebay announced yesterday (15 April 2008) that they will be dropping "Live Auctions" at the end of December. There might be a few gramsters that will be happy.  
Don Kolkman

Dear Gram,  
EBay Inc. said Tuesday April 15th that it will discontinue by years end the section of its site that allows users to participate in live auctions held by other companies. It looks like this will end the 22.5% commission assessed by auction houses when using EBay. The source of the article is the April 16, 2008 St. Louis Post Dispatch.  
Dave Frank



Dear Editor, I'll be at the X rated Fest. One of the FOGS (Fest  
old guys!!!)  
Nick Schrier

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Series 9, No 1637 Friday, April 18th, 2008  
Yet More Odds and Ends,  
by Joe Boling

Regarding the gram 1631 fees for Fest X - "Single registration \$220, double registration \$170." That's reflecting the additional fee for one who does not accept a lodging roommate. Two in a room are \$170 each. One alone in a room is \$220. Fest has always operated like this, though I am not sure that the numbers have been at these exact levels.

From the Assn of the US Army Family Program Update, 1 April 2008  
"Changes to Fuel Coupon System for Troops in Germany"  
"U.S. Forces in Germany are set to change from using

fuel coupons to purchase gas to using an automated fuel ration card. The change from fuel coupons will take place gradually from July to November in 2008. The change will affect all who have been paying for fuel from AAFES stations and ESSO stations in Germany with fuel coupons. To learn more about the new fuel ration card, please visit the Installation Management Command - Europe Region website:  
<http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/sites/news/fuelcard.asp>  
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From the Army Times notice on the same subject (14 April 08, page 4):

"Similar in appearance and functionality to a debit card, drivers will load a balance onto the card by bank, on line or phone transfer....

"A caveat: Don't go over your prepaid limit. If you do, you'll have to pay for the entire fuel purchase out of pocket; motorists can't split the difference by paying for part of the purchase with the card and the rest with cash."

From the same issue of Army Times: by year-end, dependents' SSANs will no longer appear on their ID cards, being replaced with sponsor's SSANs. In 2009, SSANs will be replaced with the last four digits only. But cards will only be replaced as they expire (so we retirees will have to go in and insist, since our cards do not expire). [Which leads to an interesting story about a TSA ID checker who does not know what "indefinite" on an ID card means. She insisted the card was expired because on the back it showed an expiration date for my civilian health care coverage - the date I go on Medicare. Since that date had passed, she decided that the card had expired]

Back on the subject of watermarks in Boer War Green Point Track notes. I have discovered that the Mafeking siege notes in ten shilling denomination bear the same watermark as the Green Point Track notes, and the middle word of the watermark is indeed "MANIFEST." David Klinger, meanwhile, had found an advertisement in a South African book for Croxley, the paper manufacturer, which also listed that "model" of printing paper by name. Note that when I sent the watermark format out last time, it got run onto one line by the email/editing process. The word LONDON is centered under the words CROXLEY MANIFEST BANK. But the best part of all this is that the watermarked notes are now incontrovertibly linked to the Boer War, and must be considered contemporary printings (though most likely the ones with denomination counters on rectangular tablets are remainders, as habitually reported). Does anyone else have one with counters on

roundels, like the signed one I inspected a few weeks ago?

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Remembered points out that the Dutch had a small occupying force in Germany after the war. This area, as it turns out, was adjacent to the British sector and in the area of Aachen which is just east of Maastricht and Valkenburg. As part of the occupation Ministerie van Oorlog notes were issued in denominations of one, five and twenty-five gulden. Also issued, but not in The Book (yet - look for them in the next edition) are small plastic Ministerie van Oorlog "coins" or "tokens". Prior to attending the show I did not have any of these, notes or coins, in my collection. I was fortunate to find a complete set of uncirculated notes but the budget would not permit a purchase (somehow I know I'll regret that in the future). I also found three denominations of coins: a five, a ten and a twenty-five. These were in my price range and made the trip home. I don't recall ever seeing a complete set and I believe there are three additional pieces, those being a one, and a 100 and a 500.

The link below will take you to the website where there are some photos posted. They include the set of notes, the photo of the Dutch re-enactors and additional photos which will be explained in the next couple of Grams

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Dear Editor,

In the Winter 2007-2008 issue of On Point, The Journal of Army History is a book review for; Finding Your Father's War: A Practical Guide to Researching and Understanding Service in the World War II US Army, by Jonathan Gawne, Drexel Hill, PA, Casemate 2006, ISBN 1-932033-14-9, 341 pages, \$24.95.

I am going to include here only three sentences about this book by the reviewer, Guy Nasuti; The strengths of this book far outweigh its weaknesses. While mainly a book on researching soldiers of World War II, it should be noted that places such as the National

Archives in Washington, DC and College Park, Maryland, and the US Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, PA, have records pertaining to many of America's wars. And while it is tragic that millions of records have been completely lost, and one often may feel that they have run into a brick wall, it is important to remember that there are several other avenues to explore (which are described in this book).  
The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Editor,  
I have never sold in an auction. On top of the juice does the auction house also charge the seller a fee? Gary (4's) Hicks

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A Comment on the Euro,  
by Tony James

Upon reading and reflecting on your observations in Gram no.1636 let me say the following:  
Before the introduction of the Euro, the banknote fair at Maastricht was a currency nightmare.  
Australians as well as citizens of other countries dealt in at least 7 currencies. These were Dutch guilders, which being the host nation was understandable, English pounds, US dollars, Swiss, French and Belgian francs and not forgetting German marks, and sometimes a Japanese collector would arrive with Yen!

These all had to be exchanged before leaving or taken home and an exorbitant exchange rate suffered upon presentation at the bank.

Long live the Euro! Now there are just three currencies - Euros, Pounds and US dollars. Sorry I forgot! there are two tables that have prices in Australian dollars so that makes five including the dealer from Norway.

In regard to the sizes of the Euro notes.

May I remind those who live in the US, that nearly every country except the US, has notes of differing sizes for the various denominations, that is why there are so many derogatory comments made about US currency and the rest of the world cannot understand why the US does not change their currency to combat

counterfeiting by using updated security features.

In addition, very few people from other countries use note clips due in part to the better quality paper used for currency. Try using note clips with plastic currency which has a far better record of anti-counterfeiting and extended usage! I prefer to know the notes I have are authentic rather than have them checked at every shop or service provider.

Also with a coin instead of the US one dollar bill, Americans who travel, would be better prepared for

handling other currencies. Most other countries already have coinage for amounts under the equivalent of \$5 or 5 pounds, large or small change in coins is a fact of life! Upon reflection I seem to remember that even military and other emergency currencies have been prepared in differing sizes.

By the way I am suffering withdrawal symptoms as I am unable to attend the ANA Summer school this year. Oh for Colorado with the ice cream parlour that will not accept \$50 bills and just as the exchange rate was looking good! Regards from Down Under.

[See Jos Eijserman's letter below for additional comments - Ed.]

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The link to the website from the last Gram did not work so I am putting it in again:

[http://www.papermoneyworld.net/grams/MAASTRICHT\\_SHOW\\_2008.htm](http://www.papermoneyworld.net/grams/MAASTRICHT_SHOW_2008.htm)

There were only three other Festers at Maastricht and I am happy to report that both Ian and Bela Marshall along with Neil Shafer had their coins readily available when challenged. By rights, I owe each of them a refreshing beverage. I did manage to sign up a few more Gramsters at the

show one being the show organizer Jos Eijsermans. Welcome to Pablo Hoffman, Peter McDonald and Quoc

Nguyen.

I was at Henrik Christensen's table (he's a dealer from Denmark) looking at some AMC and other notes. While we were talking he said his wife, Kathy, was

from the US. I asked where and she said Nebraska. Then I said I had a fellow collector friend from

Nebraska and mentioned the town of Hickman. Then she said, she was from Malcolm, Nebraska which is quite close to Hickman. She asked my friend's name and when I told her Jack Hunter she said "I know Jack." Seems their parents are acquainted. I think this is an

omen. Make plans now Jack for the next spring show in April of 2009. Lastly, I trust my comments about the Euro have not been misconstrued. My intent was not to criticize but to report my observations, what I learned from vendors and the fact that using the Euro for every day transactions and at a paper money show for the first time took some getting used to.

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Dear Gram,

Regarding the Ministrie von Orloog tokens, I purchased a set in a Knight auction and I mention the auction because that offers the market a chance to set the value. That was several years ago and the values may change. As Fred says, whatever it is worth to you

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Medically, I am progressing just fine. No pain. I see the doctor again next Tuesday for x-rays and a checkup. I hope to get a prognosis on how long I must remain immobile. Otherwise, I am cranky, grouchy and impatient.



Warner

Dear Editor, Please allow me to give a few comments on contributions read in the Mpcgrams I received after the PaperMoneyFair - Maastricht...

In one earlier one I read about the fact that there was very little material to be found re. MPC etc... As you all know one can only sell a banknote once... once sold = gone, but it depends on the strategy and activity of the supplier/dealer/collector if you will be able able to see new stock next time you meet again. So all it says is that this time there was few stock of that kind available, or maybe not even that. Someone might have been there before him. E.g. if I find a MPC replacement, don't expect me NOT to buy it... even where I do not collect them! One has to be lucky sometimes! I once picked up 2 (two) MPC Repl. for peanuts in the same book of a dealer on a small show (10 stands) of which he and I were the only with paper money! I sold them on to a US dealer, which made both happy. So one should not get the impression that coming to PaperMoneyFair - Maastricht 2009 or earlier in September is in general and with certainty without any result. It all depends on the new stock there and then, and still there when you arrive... and one cannot be the first at all of the 175+ tables!

Re. the article just received... allow me to correct a few facts: in red

#### EDITORIAL

Looking through some notes from a Norwegian dealer I noticed that the prices seemed high. Fairly common pieces of AMC were priced in three digit numbers. I continued looking and there were more common notes with what seemed to be very high asking prices. Another customer standing next to me inquired of the dealer who apologized and said the prices were in Norwegian Kroner and not in Euros and that the last number of the asking price should be disregarded. This made a lot more sense and made me realize that I should ask what currency was being used by each dealer and not assume it was Euros. Not all countries in Europe use the Euro.(yet?).. so one could/should? have known that.. There were well over 50 countries or more (not only the program/table holders counted) represented of which only appr. 15 use the Euro now... all others have their own currency...

That then brought about the problem of converting Pounds Sterling and US dollars to Euros and remembering not to forget that the Euro was about \$1.55 US at the time, so that note

marked at 20 (Euro) was really about \$30. As an aside, when you notice the price of fuel it looks great: 1.20 on the sign at the station. But then you realize it is 1.20 Euro/liter and that works out to about \$4.50 a gallon and that was for diesel. Regular gas was 1.45 Euro/liter.

That brings me to some other points about the Euro. While it is convenient not to have to convert to the many different currencies previously used throughout Europe, the Euro notes are all different sizes and the lowest denominated bill is the five. They are also not as "thick" as US notes which plays havoc with my large "custom" paperclip which I use as a money clip. There are few fives used in commerce (in my experience) and you wind up with one and two Euro coins which necessitates carrying a pocket full of change, which is one thing I try to avoid. Strange but the Euro 5 are circulating in large numbers...small change is mostly more of a problem. In addition, depending on which country you're in, the lowest denomination is the ten cent Euro coin, which means all transactions are rounded. Sorry - not correct! There are still many 1-2-5 cent coins in circulation!

In Belgium the one and five cent Euro coins are still in use but will be eliminated in the near future as they are presently in the Netherlands and as far as I know in Germany. No - No - No = Fact is that Germany charges to the exact cent still,

Like Belgium I thought but there I may be wrong and they have changed that recently. Netherlands? Transactions are rounded off at 5 cent.. when paid in cash. Not when paid by card or bank transfer.

The 1-2-5 cent coins however all over Euro-Europe are still legal tender and will be since a country cannot demonetize (a) coin(s) without approval of the European Central Bank

(They may be scarce however because of the rounding off! OK.) And that will only happen if ALL countries want that!! Some countries even want notes for 2 and even 1 Euro.. There is a discussion going on about that!!

I don't recall spending any money in Luxembourg so I can't tell you the practice there.

Same as Belgium for sure..

I hope this contributes to a better knowledge about the Euro.. and Europe... Kind regards,

Jos F.M.Eijsermans

Org. PaperMoneyFair - Maastricht

Dear Editor,

I was reading a review of Military Justice in Vietnam by William Thomas Allison and saw that it included currency manipulation as one of the subjects covered, so I ordered a new copy of the book on Amazon at about one-third off the retail price. It was published by the University of Kansas Press in 2007 with ISBN 0-7006-1460-5.

I scanned it's Chapter 7: The Black Market, Currency Manipulation, and Corruption at lunch today. It appears to have some excellent background information in it on MPC scrip (sic) use and misuse but I did not read every word in the chapter. Then I looked at the extensive notes and bibliography. There are other references listed in it that no doubt have some good stuff in them for further research. I have only scanned this book but it looks good enough

that I want to get this letter in the Gram now so some of the MPC specialists might buy it and find some useful information in it and/or the sources used by the author.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

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Alien Camp at Ft. McCoy,

by Larry Smulczenski

Howard Daniel mentioned Fort McCoy, Wisconsin and "enemy alien internment camp" in Gram 1634 and followed up with the question on whether this was new information to those who collect enemy alien pieces. I'm afraid I'm not qualified to address the latter, but I will offer my two cents on the internment camp portion of the question. Right after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt authorized the detention of potentially dangerous enemy aliens. The FBI and other law enforcement agencies arrested thousands of people of German, Italian and Japanese ancestry living in the US. The Justice Department oversaw the processing of these cases and the internment of those that were considered dangerous. Additionally, the U.S. offered to intern potentially dangerous enemy aliens living in Latin American countries. Fifteen countries accepted our offer and 6600 individuals of Japanese, German and Italian ancestry, some with their families were sent to the US for internment. Most of these folks were deported without any type of hearing or explanation of reason. Camp McCoy, and it was a camp during WWII, not a Fort, was one of the first to receive the enemy aliens. In early 1942, about 300 German and Japanese aliens arrived at Camp McCoy. I believe that these aliens were housed at an old CCC camp on Old Camp McCoy as the area we know as Fort McCoy (or New Camp McCoy) was just then under construction. An interesting sidelight is that with that first group of aliens came America's first POW to Camp McCoy. He was a Japanese Ensign named Kazua Sakamaki that commanded one of the Mini-sub's that attacked Pearl Harbor. McCoy eventually became the primary camp for Japanese prisoners brought to the US. When that decision was made to bring POW's to Camp McCoy, the enemy aliens were moved to other internment camps by late 1942. Camp McCoy actually had two POW Camps, one German and one Japanese, side by side but separated by a road. The Japanese camp was the larger of the two as government records show the peak

populations as 2464 Japanese and 290 Germans. No scrip of any kind is known from the Enemy Alien Camp. Only one issue of Chits from Camp McCoy POW Camp is known. Chits from this camp are at best very scarce. I personally have never seen one other than a photograph in Albert Donn's book of a 10 cent chit. This chit supposedly is in a Wisconsin collection of memorabilia. If anyone knows of any others please let Dave Seelye or me know.

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EDITORIAL

===== I had mentioned meeting Quoc, a Vietnamese dealer from Saigon, who is also a friend of the Master Sergeant Daniel while in the Netherlands. We had a chat about Howard and Quoc was annoyed that Howard did not visit the coin shop the last time he was in Southeast Asia. One of the subjects we touched upon was the Fest and Quoc offered and invitation to organize a Viet Nam Fest in Saigon. Lodging, meeting rooms and other events would be arranged including local culinary experiences all at competitive prices. Festers would be responsible for arranging their own transportation to Viet Nam. The suggested time was right after TET, mid March to mid April. My first impression was that a VN Fest was good idea, especially for veterans who might want to go back. The suggested time would be problem as it would conflict with the Fest, CPMX and CSNS but alternate dates might be arranged.

I told Quoc I would extend his invitation to the Festers/Gramsters and ask for feedback. All thoughts and comments are welcome.

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Dear Editor,

I am about 75% sure I can attend Fest X but if I have to cancel, is this possible and how close to the date? If I can cancel, please put me in for a Single Registration.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Editor,

Re: Warner's Recovery

I am glad to hear that you are feeling much better Warner, your back to your old self, cranky, grouchy, & impatient! :) All you need now is to feel grumpy & you recovery will be complete. Kiss the nurse, kick the doctor, & you are the Warner I know & love. I will bring you snowshoes for Fest X, they will have a propane tank that you can strap to your back for proper ice melting. Glad to hear your feeling better you old fart!

Sincerely,

Steve Swoish

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Central States Report,  
by Joe Boling

Surprise! A mini-fest broke out at the Central States convention today (17 April 2008). On the schedule was an educational program given by Gerald Kochel titled "Allied Military Currency." I stopped judging long enough to go hear that, even though I had a nagging feeling that I had heard it before. Sure enough, it turned out to be a talk I had seen at FUN this year, dealing with Jerry's father's service on Okinawa with the American Red Cross following WWII. But it was enjoyable to hear the war stories again, and to see Jerry's dad's photographs of the place and period. When Jerry finished talking, Neil Shafer hijacked the meeting by announcing that Jim Downey had prepared mini-fest notes, even though he could not attend himself. Not surprisingly, given the subject of the talk, there were a lot of festers there, and some non-festers who quickly figured out the way to cash in on some item they could pull out of a pocket and present as a show and tell topic. I don't know how many sets of notes were distributed, but it was not trivial. The notes are based on the post-war issues for liberated Saar, SB1904-5-6 (10, 50, 100 marks). Below the woman's head on the face is a tablet inscribed CSNS 2008, and the five digit serial numbers are prefixed CSNS. On the back, above the value tablet at upper left is CSNS 2008. The notes are of uniform size, 67x103mm (give or take a mm). They are printed using laser technology on paper bearing a white manufacturer's watermark that reads partially NOVAL / COTTON. On the 50-mark notes, the original watermarks of women's heads show up nicely (printed on the surface, but also visible by transmitted light - scary examples of how good a copied watermark can be). I later heard of non-attendee festers trying to obtain late pay. I don't know whether the finance office was still open.

Mini fest update - further inspection of watermarks in the notes shows that the watermark is ROYAL / COTTON, with some sort of logo or additional text below those two lines. Further observations show that most serial numbers are five digits, as previously reported, but some are four digits (seen so far - ten marks SN CSNS 0001 and 50-marks SN CSNS 0004). Five digit serials have no space after the prefix. This leads to conjecture that the four-digit numbers may be replacements.

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Attention is directed to eBay lot numbers 140224743150 and 130214761856. Both are local issues from Shanghai, the first, a five dollar coupon from the Mee Kao May Ballroom and the second a fifty cent coupon from the Mars Cafe. Both are listed in S/B, the first on page 49 under Shanghai and the second on page 51 under the title of Unconfirmed City (probably Shanghai).

Having been interested in and a collector of Chinese banknotes for quite some time I placed bids on both notes as they were colorful and something I did not have in my collection and used the pricing in S/B as a guide. I was quite surprised to see that the final selling prices were \$102.50 and \$112.50 respectively. Both notes were won by the same bidder. The area in S/B devoted to these issues is extensive (9+ pages) in its pictures and descriptions. Having some examples would have been a nice addition to my collection, but that will have to wait for another opportunity.

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Dear Gram,

I have sets of the Ministerie Van Oorlog tokens available on my fixed price

list. Email me if you're interested in a set.

David Seelye

thempcman@verizon.net

Dear Editor,

Jeremy and I recently purchased a nice selection of MPC replacement notes.

I assume seeing the list with serial numbers would be of some interest to Gramsters.

I include them as well grades and prices. I trust that is okay.

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Mel and Jeremy Steinberg

P.S. If you would like a Maastricht report from a dealer's perspective, I would be pleased to provide one.

[Dear Mel - A report from a dealer's perspective would be great. We will look forward to reading it - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

Regarding Joe's tidbit about the TSA checker and his military ID card, I gave up using my DoD card as ID a while back as nobody was familiar with it, and they kept asking for a driver's license.

Cheers,

Sparky

Dear Editor,

I have registered with Kim for Fest X and will be looking forward to seeing all my friends there! I've even begun working on my presentation. I think it will be a good one.

John Watta

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[Editor's note: We like milestones and we like to celebrate milestones in the Gram. This is a good one; read on.....]

Neil Shafer,  
by Joel Shafer

Sometimes it is easy to summarize with cliches. Although his life has beenanything but trite, three cliches fit my father:

- 1) He has forgotten more than I will ever know
- 2) Behind a good man is a great woman
- 3) Takes the high road

HE HAS FORGOTTEN MORE THAN I WILL EVER KNOW

While I certainly believe these words are true for me personally, many have uttered these words regarding my father. His numismatic life started in 1943. As he sometimes refers to himself as an "out of work music teacher", back then he could not have possibly realized what he would end up accomplishing in this field.

My father often likes to relate how he enjoyed looking through the coin till at his parent's small store. He never ceases to amaze people with what could routinely be found in circulation. This humble beginning brought forth a career that in some ways is unparalleled even by other numismatic greats. I say this because, in my unbiased opinion, I do not recall one numismatic writer tackling the RANGE of subjects that my father did. His name is still in the "red book" after all these years. He wrote early books in US currency, world paper money, college currency, books for beginners, an array of Philippines sources, and many other topics. He managed to pioneer many, many endeavors either himself or as a conduit/resource for others.

Ten years ago, we threw a retirement party for my father's 65th birthday. Many numismatic celebrities attended and spoke at this event in Milwaukee. At that time, we all knew that my father's "retirement" was a farce; today, it is even more certain that retirement is simply not in the plans. He remains busier than ever.

#### BEHIND A GOOD

#### D MAN IS A GREAT WOMAN

I would be remiss without mentioning my mother. When someone is as prolific as my father, invariably someone else needs to step up and deal with the other matters. My father was a good parent who was there for my brother, sister, and I; however, my mother was and is the bedrock of the house.

#### TAKE THE HIGH ROAD

I have learned much from my father over the years. There are many things I still learn, but the most important lesson may well be his statement that "I never have a bad show...". While he has an unquenchable thirst for learning, I believe he says this because seeing his numismatic friends is extremely important to him (although at times he has a quirky way of showing it with his plethora of puns).

My father is a positive influence on many. The few times I can remember someone ever having a dispute with him, he took the high road and never let matters escalate. Unfortunately, this trait is atypical for many.

Dad, Happy 75th Birthday. He  
re is to many more years and continuing numismatic endeavors.

Joel

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EDITORIAL

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I first met Neil Shafer in August of 2003 at the ANA Convention in Baltimore where he autographed my recently acquired copy of his 1974 book Philippine Emergency and Guerrilla Currency of World War II. We next met at our first MPC Fest in 2004 where, as new Festers, we were assigned to KP duties.

(We both actually showed up!). Over the last five years or so we have met at various numismatic events, including all the Fests. Through his book, and in talking with him, I developed my interest in Guerrilla Currency and Philippine numismatics. I always look forward to seeing him because there is something new to learn or something new to see or a numismatic story to be told. His wealth of numismatic knowledge and experience and his willingness to pass on his expertise demonstrates his character and devotion to our hobby. I know I can speak not only for our Publisher, the Gram and all in numismatics who have ever had the pleasure to meet and talk to Neil when I wish him a Happy Birthday and continued good health.

I'm even a fan of his puns:

Neil - how can you tell if a tree is a dogwood? - By the bark, or course!

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Here's a link to a 5 cent coupon from Camp McCoy that I have in my collection.

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Don Kolkman

Dear Gram,

I am excited to see the reservations come in for Fest X. It should be a hoot. Everyone, please remember--if you have not called the Holiday Inn Express (419 732 7322), you are NOT registered (even if we list your name in the Gram).  
Battalion Clerk

Dear Editor,

I think a Vietnam Fest would be a GREAT idea! It was a Vietnam issue of MPC, series 661, that first got me interested in collecting MPC. Visiting there would open up many educational opportunities and being there with Festers who have served in the war would be an incredible experience. Count me in. I collect and study Philippine Guerrilla currency and recently I have been considering a trip to the Philippines. I know other Festers have been there and I would appreciate any travel tips and advice they can offer. Please email me at [coinpro@excite.com](mailto:coinpro@excite.com). Perhaps a minifest in the Philippines can be in the works too! Ah, while I am on the subject, sign me up for Fest X. Thanks.  
William E. Yanchick

Dear Editor,

I was recently contacted about attending the 50th anniversary reunion of my high school graduation. At first, I thought they contacted the wrong person because it could not be that many years ago. But I finally saw it was my name on the email. [Face it Howard - like many of us - you're old!- Ed.]

The dates are in June of 2009 and the International Paper Money Show is in that month, so I contacted Mike Crabb to see if there was a conflict. He responded that the 2009 dates are June 26-28. This does not conflict with the reunion so I will likely attend.

But I thought that you might want to add them to the Gram so our fellow Gramsters will know the dates too for their plans, so I wrote this to you.

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TWIRR,

by Fred Schwan

Many writers will tell you (including me) that the most difficult part of writing is getting the idea. What to write about? That is (often) the question. It certainly applies to writing a Gram column. Sometimes the inspiration comes out of the blue and other times it is the result of hard work. Yesterday I had one of those wow moments.

I was drinking coffee at a fast food restaurant (one of my favorite activities). I was also working. Specifically, I was studying the Kai Lindman pamphlet on Nazi lottery tickets. I was both interested in general and working on revisions for Remembered. I was

also worrying about what to write about for my Gram column. That is when it hit me.

On a regular basis I can talk about research that I am doing on Remembered! I can report some the research of the moment as appropriate and hope that I will get some commentary from Gramsters. I can also comment on the research and the process. I will call it TWIRR (this week in Remembered research, pronounced twere). Possibly I should even number these submissions as in TWIRR1.

So, as I was saying, yesterday I was studying Lindman. First, let me say that it is a bit dangerous to comment on this subject when Ski, Harold, and Wendell specialize in this area. Nonetheless, I will give it a go.

We are interested in the Reichslotterie because it was one of many methods used by the Nazi government to finance programs and the war. Lindman and these Festers have done good work on the Reichslotterie. The listings that we have in the 1995 first edition of Remembered are quite inadequate now, but I must give us some credit because as far as I know that was the first time that any attempt had been made at listing these lottery tickets. Certainly it was the first attempt in English, but likely it was also the first attempt overall.

OK, back to work. I really like the Lindman pamphlet. It is 22 pages with lots of information. Unfortunately for most Gramsters, the text is, not surprisingly, in German. Actually, I like that because it makes me practice my German which is a bit oxidized.

Between 1939 and 1945, the Nazi government conducted thirteen lotteries. No, they actually conducted twelve, the thirteenth was not conducted because of the end of the war, but at least some of the tickets were produced.

Hm, that sounds like an interesting little collection--thirteen lottery tickets. Not so fast. The thirteen lotteries constitute a vast sea of collecting opportunities. The thirteen lotteries were issued in five (yes five) classes. That simple fact raises the number of tickets from 13 to 65. But wait, all of the lotteries and all of the classes were issued in four values: one eighth, one quarter, one half, and full tickets. Those four denominations raise the number of varieties to 260. This is just sort of basic stuff about these lottery tickets and most of this information is included in R1.

Lottery tickets were sold at special offices throughout Germany. Significantly, the names of the sellers are printed or stamped on the tickets. Lindman includes a list of 49 confirmed sellers. Actually, he includes the list twice--once in city order and once

in name order. I love it. Call it 50 and the number of varieties in a complete collection is 13 THOUSAND! Along this line there is just one more twist. The smaller tickets were printed with serial number varieties. You can make a career out of studying and collecting these tickets. On the other hand you probably will just want to build a type set of the thirteen lotteries and some of the denominations/sizes. That is not so difficult. Lindman reports (and illustrates) something called a special note for each of the lotteries. I am not at all sure how this part of the system worked. I tried reading the tickets and the Lindman text (difficult) without too much luck, but there are a few things that are clear and of interest. Lindman shows a special note for the first and fifth lotteries. The cost of the first (May 1939) was 3RM per class. The price for the fifth (April 1941) lottery special note/ticket is 6RM per class. Oh yes, these ticket/notes also have the name of the sales office so look for 50 for each lottery. As if to make collecting life easier, some of the issues were not available to the public and presumably are not available to be collected. For the 10th lottery (March 1944) the fifth class tickets were not printed. Lindman illustrates a replacement ticket for the 10/5 lottery. This replacement seems to be more of a notice than an actual replacement ticket, but it is serially numbered. Even better. Lindman illustrates a printed notice in the size of a full ticket regarding the 12th lottery. The notice states that because of the total war and to save paper, the third and fourth class tickets were not printed. Finally, Lindman reports that the 13th lottery not only was not conducted, but that the tickets were only partially printed. Specifically, only the first class tickets were printed. These last few items actually reduce the number of collectible varieties. Possibly we should just estimate the number of items to collect at about ten thousand.

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EDITORIAL

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TWIRR is a great idea. It affords readers an opportunity to learn some new information on topics already in "the book" and there is the probability of discovering completely new information. It can also become the regular Friday featured article for the Gram. In this way, we have the whole weekend to digest the information. Kudos to Our Esteemed Publisher and Battalion Clerk for coming up with the idea and volunteering to write a weekly column. Now there are four

other days to fill. Fest legal counsel and Green Bay Packer fan Jim Downey has been a regular contributor with his columns running on Mondays and Joe Boling was (and hopefully still is) our Tuesday columnist. Wednesdays could be left open for Gramsters with any information they wish to share. All that's left is Thurski- anyone care to volunteer for that one?

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Dear Editor

There was a book published called Stalag Wisconsin, about the camps within the borders of the state. Published in softcover, 6x9 format, about 8 years ago.

George Cuhaj [ Borders has the book available for \$16.95 - check their website - IBNS # 187856983X- Ed.]

Dear Editor,

I do not know what Quoc was talking about when you quoted him in the last Gram complaining that I did not visit his shop during my last Southeast Asian visit. Whenever I am in HCMC, I visit his shop most Sunday mornings before I go to the meeting of collectors and dealers behind the Art Museum. Maybe he was thinking of someone else or the editor misunderstood him. Could it be the editor serving in the Navy instead of the Army where passing an English test is a requirement. No, that could not be it.....it is probably because he is from Long Island, New York. No, that could not be it too....it is probably because he heard my name and got so excited, he completely lost his composure.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

[While I sometimes cannot contain myself at the sound of your name, that was not the case in Maastricht. Quoc was adamant that he was snubbed. Perhaps, due to advanced age (after all you have been out of high school for 50 years) you forgot to go to the shop - Ed]

Dear Editor

The [Memphis] 2009 dates are June 26-28. And next year's ANA summer seminar is 25 June - 10 July, so anyone going to seminar in week #1 is going to have to leave Memphis Saturday to make it to CS in time for class start Sunday afternoon. How many years are we going to have this conflict? When is Memphis going to get back into early June where it traditionally was? Joe

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Mr. and Mrs. James Downey announce the birth of a son, Simon Benjamin Downey, on Friday April 25th, 2008. See the Editorial and Mail Call for further details.

Stars and Stripes,  
by Jim Downey

Here is a somewhat amusing MPC-related story. It is from the December 1951 edition of Pacific Stars and Stripes:

'Wheel's' Copy of European S&S Has State in Tizzy

By Brack Curry

Bonn Germany (AP) -- A bootleg copy of the Army newspaper Stars and Stripes (Europe) has sent State Department and Army officials into a tizzy.

Memos are flying from office to office, Army headquarters is calling occupation headquarters and vice versa, and official confabs are being held on this momentous question:

HOW CAN GERMAN Chancellor Konrad Adenauer get his daily copy of Stars and Stripes -- legally?

Nobody thinks it will take an act of C

ongress to arrange this, but there are mountains of red tape blocking a solution. Adenauer and his top advisers like to take a squint at what the Army is telling occupation troops in the Army newspaper. A high German official has been sending out a messenger daily to buy a bootleg copy. It's been passed around among top German government leaders including Adenauer, like a rare old masterpiece. The catch is that a German cannot legally buy a "Stripes". It sells only for American money -- the scrip issued to troops [MPC] -- and Germans are forbidden by Army regulations from possessing scrip.

So the messenger fetching Adenauer's "Stripes" could be arrested -- theoretically, for buying it.

Army officials were appalled to learn of this state of affairs. After all, "Stripes" prints 70,000 copies a day. So some one suggest the Army send Adenauer a complimentary copy each morning. Nope, said the Army's



legal brains, "regulations" forbid giving away the "Stripes." The the State Department was called in. And officials there are now poring through regulations to find if the department can foot the bill for Adenauer's "Stripes."

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EDITORIAL  
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Congratulations are in order for Deanah and Jim Downey on the birth of their son Simon.

Jim sent two emails, the first shortly after the arrival and the second some time later when the baby's name had been selected. So we welcome a new Gramster (dad can read them to him) and future Fester to the group. I found Jim's article on Stars and Stripes amusing in that it proves that the bureaucracy was alive and well back in the fifties and most likely well before that. If a copy of the paper were discarded after it was read by the "legal owner" could anyone then retrieve it? I wonder how the situation was resolved.

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Dear Gram

Unnamed Downey Baby entered the world involuntarily at 7:52pm on April 25, 2008. Mother and baby are doing well. Here are the specs:  
8 lbs. 2 oz. 20 3/4 inches blue eyes red hair!

Buzz & Deanah

Dear Gram,

He finally has a name: Simon Benjamin Downey  
Jim

Dear Gram,

I just wanted to say, what a nice letter from Joel Shafer regarding his father Neil. I cant agree more with the content of the letter. New Festers who have not had the opportunity to talk with Neil Shafer should make a point to do so at the next Fest, if not before then. Not only is he a wealth of information, but he is one of the nicest guys youll ever meet. Although I never met Joel, after reading his letter I can tell that the apple didnt fall too far from the tree. Happy 75th Birthday Neil!  
William E Yanchick

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to Neil Shafer on his 75th Birthday! A Scholar and a Gentlema

n, Neil epitomizes the best of numismatics. He is always willing to answer questions and shares his knowledge through his writings and talks.

Thanks, Neil for your contributions to numismatic knowledge and literature.  
Nancy Green  
(past ANA librarian)

Dear Gram, Bill's away this weekend, but he called Kim to pre-register for next year's Fest as soon as he returned from this year's. I think Kim even told him he was the first to register - so you can include him on your list. He's even dragging along his wife to see the excitement of Port Clinton!? Kathy Myers

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The Tabora Pound,  
by David Klinger

One of the more interesting military numismatic items from the Great War (WW I) was a gold siege coin minted in German East Africa (Tanzania) in 1916.

It was minted in a temporary siege-mint by the Deutsch-Ostafrikanische Bank in an adapted train carriage at Tabora (thus the letter "T" under the date) following the fall of Germany's major port, Dar-es-Salaam, to the Allies during the war. It was a gold coin valued at 15 Rupees (1 Pound), and was designed by mining industry expert Friedrich Schumacher. The steam from the train to which the "mint carriage" was attached drove a palm oil press that was used to mint these unique high quality gold pieces. The gold coins were needed to pay the native troops, for, as in South Africa they, wisely, did not trust paper bank notes. The goal was to give o

ne of these gold coins to each member of this 15,000 native askari army. The minting was possible because of a small gold mine in operation not very far away from Tabora from which the gold used in the coins was mined.

The coin features the king of the beasts, a triumphant elephant, trumpeting with Mount Kilimanjaro in the background and the date 1916 T below. A Senegalese gold worker from Zanzibar made the dies after a model prepared by R. Vogt. The reverse features the German imperial eagle with the legend Deutsch Ost Afrika and the denomination of 15 Rupien.

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Quite a number of years ago, a dealer in the Pacific northwest, Washington State or British Columbia, I can't recall which, had my name on a mailing list and started to send me offerin  
gs of Austrian notgeld. I wasn't collecting them at the time and since the numismatic budget was basically non-existent, and the notes were priced from five to twenty five cents each, I decided to give them a look. Over the course of about a year I managed to accumulate a binder full of the small colorful notes from various issuers in Austria. After the dealer stopped sending lists my interest faded and the binder just sat on the shelf.

In Maastricht, as reported in a previous Gram, my interest in notgeld was rekindled to some extent with the purchase of a small group of notgeld, most of which was from Gutscheine. Recently I was able to find two more notes (five and ten pfennig pieces) from the French Zone of Occupation. In addition to the notes being listed in SB they are also listed in Pick, Volume One. The five and ten from Wurttemberg-Hohenzollern are two thirds of a set, the third note is a 50 pfennig piece. The French also occupied Baden and Rheinland-Pfalz where notes were also issued in values of 5, 10 and 50 pfennig. The notes are reasonably priced (\$15-20 each) except for the 50 pfennig which are in the \$50 to \$150 range in uncirculated condition. The goal now is to put together a type set.

I did do a little research on the Austrian notes to see how the values might have changed over the years. Let's just say I'm not going to be able to retire on the profits.

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Dear Editor,

This subject [Military Payment Coinage] was mentioned some time ago but seems to have fallen through another "loup" hole. Anyway I picked up on the idea and started to post some blogs on these very interesting coinages. My thanks to MPCgram.....

For anyone interested please go to [www.NumismaticNews.net](http://www.NumismaticNews.net) Expert's Blogs  
Court Jester

Best wishes,

Colin R. Bruce II

Senior Editor, Numismatic Books

Dear

Gram,

I would like to wish Neil a belated "very happy birthday", as a finer gentleman you will never meet!

See y'all in Memphis!!

Bob Reed

Dear Editor,

I suggest # 25 (his birth date) as Simon Downey's number!! Start Collecting!.

Gary (Fours) Hicks

[We are made to understand that a commemorative issue may be in the works. You are never too young to start collecting. - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

Just called Kim and signed up for another year. (Sounds like the military - any bonuses?) Congratulations to Neil on 75 years and Jim and his wife for the new baby.

Ron Waddell

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Junk Box Find,  
by Howard Daniel

For the first time, I went to the Dulles Coin & Currency Expo in Chantilly, Virginia. It was not easy to find because the Dulles Expo Center, where it was held, has no large green VDOT signs on Route 28, which it should for a large convention center!

Anyway, I walked in and registered. I was pleasantly surprised that I made several purchases at the show, but maybe I should not have been, because the first time at any show, I usually round up some Southeast Asian pieces.

At the table of a couple from Delaware, I saw a "junk" box of world paper money and dived in. Right off the bat, I found a JIM Burma 10 Kyat note with some writing on it. The first thing I spotted is "Cpl C.W. Menzies" on the left side of the face and "Miami Florida, San Juan Puerto Rico and Natal Brazil" in three lines on the right side. I liked this note already!

Then I turned it over and found a lot more information. Around the frame is "Puerto Rico - Trinidad - British Guinea - Brazil - Ascension Island - Gold Coast - Nigeria - Maseria Island - Anglo-Egyptian Sudan - Arabia - India - Burma" In the left body of the note is "Mediterranean South America Atlantic Ocean Middle East Far East (India 1943 Burma 1944 Chine June 1945)" in eight lines. I am very sure this man was in a flight crewman or flight mechanic in a U.S. Army Air Corps unit that hopped from the USA to the war in Asia and then likely flew back the same way. I will

do some research on the man and the dates to see if I can discover his unit. Wish me luck.

Normally, I would donate this military piece to the next Fest Auction but I am probably going to keep it awhile before I do it because it is from my area of Southeast Asia. I have attached the face and back images so others can see the note and possibly help me with my research. But I did buy a short snorter on a U.S. note from the same dealer and it will end up in the auction after I research it awhile and write about it here in the Gram.

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Recent Grams since Fest IX have included a variety of different military numismatic issues. There have been features on coins, short snorters, local Shanghi issues, Boer War issues, Ministerie van oorlog coins/tokens, challenge coins and German lottery tickets to name a few. I like the diversity and hope the articles on uncommon/rarely seen items will come in to add to the list. With over seven hundred addresses on the mailing list, I would think there is a great variety of collecting interests out there, even if only one quarter of the mailing list actually gets and reads the Gram. A while back David Klinger posed the question as to what constituted military numismatic issues. I would say, and I think we will all agree, that any numismatic item issued or used in any conflict would fit the definition. So let's hear about some of them.

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Dear Gram,

Just a word to say "Thanks a Heap" for the kind words and good wishes from so many folks. Joel's and Roger's writing took me completely by surprise, and I was deeply moved by it all. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the various meeting places, conventions, fests (mini and maxi), etc. And by the way, have you heard about the new line of Elvis Presley restaurants about to open? They are especially aimed at folks who love meat tender!

Neil S.

Dear Editor,

At the upcoming Long Beach Coin Show, the Southern California chapter of the International Bank Note Society (IBNS) will hold its inaugural meeting. Currently, the meeting is scheduled to start at 1100 on Saturday, 31 May, in the food court on the bourse. The agenda consists of some general comments, member introductions, a presentation, and then lunch. After lunch, there will be a brief meeting limited to Chapter members only to discuss business items.

Also, a rumor of a mini-fest after the IBNS meeting has started, but details are still sketchy. A few members, who are now back at their home units, have been contacted and are planning to deploy for the event. Also, as some members may be at the event on Thursday, there could be other unscheduled activities.

Cheers,

Sparky

Dear Editor,

Here is the rest of the story with Heritage Auctions. I had consigned a note to them for the Florida auction and even though they put a big price on it, rare replacement, the description in the catalog was woefully inadequate and they didn't even include a photo. The note sold for a small fraction of the supposed value.

When I questioned HA, here was what they offered even though I asked for nothing. They had another note of the same grade in an upcoming auction and offered to pay me the difference in what my note sold for and the selling price of the note in the April auction.

I considered that to be more than a fair settlement and I was called last week and told to expect a check. I don't know that another auction house would even consider something like this as the my note was offered and sold at no reserve.

I just wanted to let everyone know that HA did this without me complaining and I would and will use them in the future for future auctions.

Bill McNease

Dear Gram,

Sorry that I am a few days late in recognizing Neil's birthday. I was at the celebration party that Edith held in Milwaukee. I am sorry that I am unsure of the year. It must have been for his 65th birthday, but I am not certain. However, I am certain of a few things. Neil is indeed is a great numismatist and friend. We are also fortunate to have Joel.

Finally, we are fortunate to have the Gram where tributes like Joel's can be published!

Editor, thank you for the nice chuckle about Gutshein village notes.

Fred

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TWIRR#2  
by Fred Schwan

I added quite a bit of material to Remembered again this week. First, Larry Smulczenski sent lots of material based upon a list of questions/items that we developed when he was in Port Clinton before the Fest. Not surprisingly I guess, the first new items were for Albania. He clarified a few items, and added listings for specimens. Here are the specimen listings for Albania. I suggest that you add these items to your copy.

111s Specimen in capital red letters from lower left to upper right. Face and back. Normal serial number.

112s Same Specimen overprint as on 111s, face and back with normal serial number.

114s Same Specimen overprint as 111 s above, face and back with normal serial number.

702s Specimen in small red capital letters from lower left to upper right, face and back. Normal serial number.

703s Same as 702 s.

I was excited to add the material that Jim Downey found and published on Armed Forces Leave bonds. That was really great stuff.

The item that Joe had on the discontinuation of gasoline coupons for the forces in Europe was great. Sad, but great information. First, this is an update for the MPC book. Larry and I have been bulls on collecting these items for at least the past ten years. Not only have we not been very successful in promoting a legion of collecting these items, but even we have not been as thorough as we should be. At least I have not and I think that Ski has not been either. Yes, I can think of another six or so collectors, but that is hardly enough.

To make it a trifecta, I worked some on the forthcoming US bond book. For some reason or other I went to the draft of this book (drafts were available at MPCFest) to consult what I had written about replacement bonds. I could not find anything on the subject, but I just knew that I had prepared a discussion of this subject. Well, I found the section in Remembered 2 so I copied that section from Rem 1 and put it into US Bonds. Therefore, it seemed appropriate to include that discussion here for comment and correction before it gets into print in one or the other of these books. There is some additional commentary at the end.

#### Replacement bonds

Defective bonds were not replaced they were simply not issued. Clerks were trained to notice printing errors and to not issue them. Other defective bonds were created when personal data was entered incorrectly. All such defective bonds were canceled and then destroyed (although some may be found in collections). Nonetheless, replacement bonds were necessary in two circumstances. When registered bonds were lost or stolen, duplicates were issued. When significant changes were necessary in the personal data on the bonds, reissues were created. When duplicates and reissues were necessary within a few years of the original issue a like bond was issued. When more time had passed, it was often necessary to issue a bond that was only similar. Series E war and defense bonds may have been replaced by Series E savings bonds and later still by Series EE bonds. Interesting situations were possible when bonds with no later equivalent needed replacing. All Series G bonds and Series E \$10 bonds are examples. It is uncertain what was done in these rare cases. Duplicates and reissues are replacements. Reissues (since at least 1958 as seen on a \$200 Series E war bond and current Series EE bonds) are marked RI. Some duplicates from the period are marked duplicate in

pen, but it is likely that many were created without these markings. Nonetheless, it is always possible to identify reissues and duplicates by the date markings. Series E, F, and G issue dates are actually the month from which interest is paid. The actual issue date is in the stamp of the issuing office. When these are more than one month apart, the bond is a replacement (reissue or duplicate).

At the bond bash at Fest IX, Jim Downey reported that the BEP DID create replacements for defense and war bonds using a make up system. In a make up system the actual serial numbers of spoiled notes are recreated and replace the spoiled pieces. I am Jims biggest fan, but I just have trouble believing this. Here is my logic.

1) the BEP had stopped using any such system since about 1930 (and had mostly been using a star replacement system since about 1910).

2) recently a star bond has been confirmed for WWI Liberty bonds.

3) an additional system was in place whereby bonds spoiled at the time of issue were simply not issued.

Jim was adamant that he had found conclusive evidence of a replacement system and likely he will prove me wrong. I must say that I look forward to a conclusive resolution. Most importantly, if he is correct, it should be possible to eventually find a replacement. In a make-up system this requires luck and close examination of serial numbers, but is nonetheless possible.

In the same section in Rem 2, I had the following paragraph on specimen bonds. I look forward to your comments on this too and have more commentary below.

#### Specimens

At least one specimen is in the archives of the Bureau of the Public Debt (\$50 Defense Savings Bond). It was produced by perforating with the word canceled and stamping the word specimen on a for-issue bond. The serial number is L2E. No specimens have been reported in private hands although they might exist.

In the 1980s when I first got interested in US bonds, the following happened at a Memphis show. Someone came into the show and walked right past me carrying a fairly Treasury large display of bonds.

The fellow strutted right past me. I dumped what I was doing to chase him down, but he marched right up to the table of a bond collecting competitor. I had to stand by and watch the fellow send the display to the



collector. When the deal was done, I asked the buyer if he wanted to sell the display. Unfortunately, he did not.

The display was of specimen bonds. It looked like it was from the 1950s, but I do not know for sure what bonds were on it. It is altogether likely that some Series E war bonds were included.

Now the good news. The buyer removed the bonds. I asked him what he wanted for the display board and he gave it to me. I still have that display board. That is the good news. Of course the bad news is that I am not sure where. Well, that is a matter of definition. I am fairly sure that it is in my warehouse (AKA black hole annex). Once we find it, we should be able to determine if it include war bonds and of course if it did, we can then conclude that at least a few specimens are in private hands. Again, I look forward to your comments.

I have just one more thing for today. Roger discussed his purchase of Dutch tokens for the occupation of Germany. We have discussed them before here in the Gram. Indeed, there was a series of discussions a few years ago. David Seelye and some others really jumped on them. David found and did a study that the tokens can be found with both coin and medal die orientations.

My little story is that these tokens were one of (only?) two issues that I knew about, but simply failed to put in Remembered by mistake (the other was the colorful Romanian bonds). I found the first tokens in the 1980s. I found two partial sets--one for me, one for Ski. Interestingly, whomever I bought the tokens from knew about the orientation issue because he/she had marked the orientation on the two by two holder.

I am writing this report from the hotel room in Chicago where I am attending the CSNS (Central States Numismatic Society Convention). I have not even been to the bourse yet. I will write about this road trip next time.

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We have had inquiries about the way the Gram is published. One had to do with the size of the type and the other the format, in that it was too wide making the Gram hard to read. As far as the size of the type is concerned, I have no way to change that. It is determined by Yahoo. The same is true for the width. In talking with our Publisher and original

Editor, it was learned that for some unknown reason, the width of the Gram changes periodically, with no rhyme or reason. As quickly as it goes wide, it will go back to the format we are used to. The other day I ran into a new problem. As I typed one line Yahoo deleted the lines below for some unknown reason. I had no clue how to remedy the situation. I exited the program and went back a couple of hours later and the problem was gone. The Great Yahoo determines all, and unless one of you computer techs out there

can come up with something and give me some information on how to make changes were

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Dear Gram. I've been collecting AAFES pogs for awhile now and believe I now have a complete set. I've been trading with a retired MSgt and an active E-7 at Fort Carson. The retired MSgt haunts the gas stations, and various shops on post, and has been getting a bunch of them at face value. He recently ran across a situation where someone, or perhaps several someones, cut out some of the pogs pictured on a calendar sold by AAFES. The person didn't do that good of a job cutting the pogs out, but they were quite obvious, especially when you turn them over and there is part of a picture of something else. Most clerks refused to take them, but one clerk, knowing my friend collected them, kept one and gave it to him. He has also managed to pick up some of the British pogs and one German one. Just thought you might like to know this little bit of information. Ken Hallenbeck.

Dear Editor,

At the Dulles Coin & Currency Expo in Chantilly, Virginia, I bought two notes. One was the JIM Burma 10 Kyat I previously described and the other is the U.S. \$1 Silver Certificate 1935A with seven signatures and the date; Oct. 19, 1944. That is the date the Philippines was invaded but the note should probably have an Hawaii overprint to belong to the Pacific part of the war. So I am thinking this note was signed in Europe. There is no writing on the back so only the face side image is sent. Someone please figure out this short snorter for me before it goes into the next Fest Auction.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

[We will get the image to the website for viewing - Ed.]

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US War Bond Replacement,  
by Jim Downey

In MPCGram 1646, Fred Schwan challenged my assertion at MPCFest IX that the BEP used the make-up system for replacing United States War Savings Bonds instead of issuing replacements. The source for this information is a BEP report. The pertinent portion of the report is reproduced below.

"One phase of the work in particular, which was the cause of considerable concern in the initial program, was the problem of replacing bonds which had been mutilated in the finishing operations. The substitution of good bonds in the place of mutilated work, or the so-called "make-up" operation, had to be accomplished in the most expeditious manner so as to permit the final delivery of the bonds in regular sequence, as scheduled. Bonds which were found to be defective were marked across the face with a crayon and placed upside down under the top-cover of the package. To readily distinguish such packages, a red label, partly gummed, was pasted on the top-cover and these packages were transferred to a special group of operatives who tabulated the serial numbers of the defective bonds, caused the new bonds of the same numbers to be prepared on paging machines, verified the correctness of the new bonds, inserted them in proper sequence in the package and then recounted the package preparatory to final delivery."

The reason that the make-up system was necessary is the fact that the complete bond assembly consisted of two pieces: the bond itself and an IBM data card. The IBM card was used to keep track of the bonds by the Treasury after they were issued. Each IBM card contained a pre-printed serial numbers that matched the corresponding number on the bond. If a replacement system were used instead of a make-up system, the number on the bond would not match the number on its accompanying IBM card.

The IBM cards were introduced in the middle of the Defense Bond series. It is possible that the early Defense Bonds -- those referred to in the BEP records as the "New Design" -- used the replacement system instead of the make-up system. These bonds did not have IBM cards as part of their assembly. There is no indication in the BEP records that I have seen to indicate one way or another.

===== EDITORIAL  
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Taxi tickets used in Germany after the War are described in Remembered as "extremely interesting and unusual". They were relatively unknown prior to the first edition. When I saw one available in Maastricht for a sum that fit the budget

I picket it up. Yesterday I finally got around to looking in Remembered to see what the catalog number was and to make a notation the ticket was now part of my collection. I looked at the descriptions and the illustrations and when

I didn't find my particular example I thought I might have come up with a new find which would be cool. The ticket I purchased is similar to the top illustration on page 306 except the font is different and the ticket is denominated in pfennigs instead of units. Wanting to be sure, I called the source (Fred) who said that since the first edition in 1995 a lot more information has been found about these tickets. I sent a scan so that it might be included in a forthcoming report which will expand the current listings.

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Dear Editor,

I found an article I saved from the November 1998 issue of Army magazine that was in my Fred Schwan-like "blackhole." It has some useful resources in it that are still available.

U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013-5008, 717-245-4139 and [www.army.mil/usamhi](http://www.army.mil/usamhi). Besides obtaining the volumes in the old Secretary of War's library, it also is the library for the Army War College. I have been to this library and it is excellent!

U.S. Army Museums by R. Cody Phillips, GPO \$4.50. Available from GPO at [www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov). This will give you the locations of "all" of the Army Museums in the world. Guide to U.S. Army Museums, GPO, ISBN 008-029-00264-7. Available from GPO at [www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov). This is another book with "all" of the museum locations. U.S. Army Center of Military History, Washington, DC, [www.army.mil/cmh](http://www.army.mil/cmh). They have a fantastic amount of information and publish many books. If you are working on something that matches one of their internal research projects, you will find them very helpful, but the understaffed so you will not obtain much of any assistance if you are working on something completely out of their research areas.

I would like to see all Gramsters visit the Army and other military museums close to their homes to see if they have any financial instruments and related documents and items of interest to military numismatists.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Editor,

In regard to the comments about notgeld, the really nice thing about collecting them is that because there are so many themes they are great for a thematic collection. When I was collecting chess (stamps and currency) I had a dozen pieces of notgeld depicting chess scenes, many using WWI as a background with the leaders as chess pieces. I wrote two stories for Chess Life I think. When I collected anti-Semitism; stamps, postcards and banknotes, there were a dozen notgeld pieces with anti-Semitic comments. I recall I wrote an article about the subject for the Shekel. So, if you have little side collections of a topical nature, you can always find some notgeld to spice it up and make it colorful.

Herb Friedman

Dear Editor,

The 19 October 1944 date was not the invasion date for Leyte - it actually came one day later. The overprinted JIM (SB2235) have the wrong date, which may be why they were not widely distributed. If Master Sergeant's silver certificate is NEITHER a North Africa note nor a Hawaii note, it is likely that it was signed in the US (where 19 Oct 1944 was likely just another day) and has no connection to the Philippines. Joe Boling

Dear Editor,

H.R. Harmer Inc sale #3 of ABNC items and other properties is being conducted in several sessions during May. The catalog is on-line; look it over as military items appear throughout, as do Food Stamp items, bonds and other things of interest.  
George Cuhaj

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Still More Potpourri,  
by Joe Boling

From the 5 May Army Times: The Senate has approved pensions for Filipino WWII veterans. It's not clear from the report whether this is the Philippine Scouts, the Philippine Constabulary, or all manner of Filipino troops who served under US command. Most such had their pensions cut off after the war unless they emigrated to the US. About 15,000 remain alive, and the pensions will be about \$4500 annually. There was no report of the status of the House's treatment of the bill.

The 28 April Army Times reported the results of the most recent photo contest for pog designs. First place went to a photo of the US and Iraqi flags flying together against a sunset. Second place went to a photo of a baby peeking out from under a flag, and third to a girl wearing angel wings pushing a wounded service member's wheelchair. Fourth and fifth places were not described in this report. 2500 photos were submitted in the contest, with top prize (besides seeing his photo appear in circulation) being a \$10000 AAFES gift certificate. No estimate was provided of when the designs would appear in users' hands.

The 28 April issue of Coin World (page 78) included an article by Paul Gilkes with an eighteen-word title (and eleven more words as a subtitle) describing the introduction of MPC in 1946. I would have written some of it differently, but it's a good overview of this class of collectible - including mention of the annual MPCFest and the gram.

The same issue of Coin World (page 82) included an article by Jeff Starck about the many show-related collectibles that were available at the Phoenix ANA convention. Illustrated are two of Steve Swoish's minifest MFC, with five column-inches about those notes and the event for which they were created. We're getting a lot of publicity for our little branch of numismatics.

Not yet reported is another military-related collectible that was distributed at the Central States convention in Chicago two weeks ago. Fester Dan Freeland created a souvenir card for the bond round-table that was conducted by fester Larry Shuffman on Saturday. The card reproduces the top portion of a Canada Ninth Victory Loan \$100 bond. Cards were delivered on-site against a \$5 contribution to the military scholarship fund. Only twenty were printed. I don't know how many were not distributed, but the attendance at the roundtable was low, so a few should still be available from Dan.

Lastly, at the Hamilton County Coin Club show in Anderson, Indiana, last weekend, I picked up a very interesting Christmas card, prepared on the back of a Japanese ten yen note (SB149a1). Using a typewriter with a black and red ribbon, the typist wrote, on the back of the note, inverted:

at upper left, in black, Dear Major Amado Santos / Battalion Comdr.  
at upper right, in black, 25Dec. 1944  
in the center, in red, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU  
at lower left, in red, KEEP MEN FLYING / VICTORY IS OURS  
at lower right, in red, Capt. Gabriel Cruz / Chief Liaison

The "Cruz" and the "n" of "liaison" were lettered separately in red ink; it appears that the typewriter hit its right margin on the name, and stacked some letters on top of each other, so it had to be repaired, and the last line was tailing off of the note, with the last letter missing and replaced by hand. Now, all you web researchers, can you find these men? It sounds like they would be ones who would be beneficiaries of the pensions described at the head of this column.

===== EDITORIAL  
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In today's feature article, Joe Boling reported the issuance of a souvenir card by Dan Freeland. There were a limited number of cards made and currently there are twelve (12) available for purchase via mail. The card depicts a Canadian Ninth Victory War Loan \$100 Bond and are quite nicely done. See the link below for an illustration. Souvenir card collectors interested in obtaining one of these limited edition cards can send payment of \$8.00 directly to Dan Freeland at PO Box 195, Mayville, Michigan, 48744-0195. Five dollars will go to the scholarship fund and the remaining funds will be used to defray shipping and packaging costs.

This is a good spot to plug the Souvenir Card Collectors Society (SCCS). If you are interested in souvenir cards from the BEP and other security printers and are not already a member, you might want to consider joining. It just so happens, that in tomorrow's Gram there will be information on the society and a newly issued catalog of souvenir cards which is available at a modest cost.

Finally, I tried making entries into the Gram by not typing the full width of the page. The result (in the copy of the Gram I get) is that the Editorial and submitted columns are in the old width format, while the letters in Mail Call are still wide side. I might try to edit the width of the letters to the Gram to try and get the whole thing back to what we had before. I'd like some feedback from readers.

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Dear Editor,

I understand the invasion of Leyte commenced at 10.00 am on 20 October 1944, at which time it would have been 6.00 pm 19 October on the West Coast of the USA. Does this make a difference to discussion re the Master Sergeant's silver certificate?

Grahame Austin

Gramsters,

At my local coin show this weekend I had the opportunity to look at about 25,000 Philippine JIM. Most were in circulated condition. I did come across something I had not seen before but maybe those that have been collecting longer than I have may have seen it. I found a Rizal monument 1 & 10 pesos and plantation 5 pesos with JAPWANCAP stamps and an orange red crayon marking across the face. The stamp and crayon are on the same place on the face of the 1 & 10 pesos notes and the 5 pesos has the crayon on the face and the stamp on the back. I have a Malaya 1 dollar that is canceled with a crayon and a ragged hole but have not seen a crayon used to cancel Philippine notes. Bill Myers

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Philippine Collectors and Bidders,  
by Ray Czahor

1. I apologize if you have sent payment but have not received your lots from Mailbid XI. Besides the computer problems mentioned in an earlier email, I had to take off for Salt Lake City for about 5 days. I am back and am shipping orders of payments received on 15 April. I hope to catch up by next weekend.

Please check my web site for updates to Mailbid XI Prices Realized. I have already received requests to buy about 100 lots that were designated as "No Bids" during the actual sale. Prices Realized is being updated each week.

<http://mysite.verizon.net/cookiejarpi/> I still do not have Scanner Capability. I hope by the end of May, I will have a new system that is compatible with my computer Operating System.

2. This week, with the help of a friend, Bill Topor, I brought back home the huge WWII collection of C.M. Nielsen. It consisted of Philippine Emergency/Guerrilla currency (estimate of 50,000 notes) as well as about 14,000 coins and other world paper money, chits, POW documents, some WWII stamps and other miscellanea. I will attempt to put his primary collection of Guerrilla notes back together for study purposes. Some duplicates and other items will show up in my next sale, Mailbid XII. You can go to me web site to look at two photos of Bill and me with Mr. Nielsen before we left on the 20th of April for the drive back to Maryland.

3. URGENT reminder, I am still looking for collectors who own silver Homma Medals and would like them to be attributed by die type. Please mail to me insured for at least \$500. All who send medals will get a copy of my study. I have discovered 6 different major die combinations. Also if you have a Bronze Homma, I am pretty sure they are all cast fakes, not die trials. Every one of the 10 I have examined recently were struck/cast from the same die--the bubbles and pitting in the surfaces were identical in all cases. Since a friend purchased five of them back in the early 1990s in Baguio for \$5 each, I have to believe they are fakes.

4. I am looking for consignments for Mailbid XI through the middle of May.

5. The 6th Annual Philippine Collectors Forum (PCF) will be held during the 2008 ANA World's Fair of Money at the Baltimore, Maryland Convention Center on Friday 1 August. The meeting is on the ANA agenda to start at 1:30PM in Room 316 for 4 hours. I will send out details on the meeting agenda next month. I will have a dealer table #901 next to the Post Office booth. Also, PCF will join with Howard Daniel and IBNS to have a Collector's Table #916 during the show. Its function will be to



meet with kids and new collectors, encourage collecting and provide giveaways to them. If you are coming to the show, please plan to spend some time at this table--it is lots of fun. Let me know if you are available. Thank you.  
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We have had comments in recent Grams about Japanese Invasion Money. This is an interesting series in that there are so many different ways to collect it. With regard to just the Philippines, there are two issues, plantation and Rizal and variations in both issues. There are block number notes, two letter and fractional, and notes with serial numbers. There are replacements in the Rizal series and there are counterfeits made by the Allies. Then there are notes with markings as described recently by Bill Myers and Joe Boling which were added in some official capacity or notes made as souvenirs or short snorters. See pages 629-630 of Remembered for a partial listing. I have developed an interest in the notes over-stamped by the Japanese War Note Claimants Association of the Philippines. These notes, overstepped in an attempt to redeem them, present even more collecting possibilities. There were five different over-stampes, one round and two ovals with different lettering, used with both purple and blue inks. Trying to complete a collection of an entire set of notes with all the different stamp and color combinations is quite a challenge.  
I'm well on my way but have yet to encounter a 10 Peso counterfeit plantation note.

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Dear Gram. A new Souvenir Card catalog has just completed by Bill Kriebel, President of SCCS.  
There are 140 (8.5" X 11) pages listing modern day souvenir cards from 1969 to date in 12 different categories. The pages are 3 hole punched and in a Binder, which will allow for updates easily to be inserted. Pricing \$10.00 for SCCS paid-up members for first copy. \$15.00 for additional copies.  
\$15.00 for non-SCCS members per copy. - Shipping \$3.00 per copy.  
Send your orders to: Bill Kriebel - 1923 Manning St. Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Lee Quast

Dear Editor,  
A Souvenir card has been issued by the IBNS Midwest Chapter for the CPMX Show held in March.

This year's card, thirteenth in the series, features a 20-rupee Intaglio printed bank note from the Reserve Bank of India featuring Mahatma Gandhi. The year 2008 is 60 years since his death in 1948. A total of 100 cards, all numbered, were produced. Cards are available through the mail for U.S. \$8, shipping included. Some previous years' cards remain available at the same price. Please contact Brian Giese at:  
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P.O Box 461  
Sturtevant, WI 53177

Dear Editor:

I personally don't see why there is a problem using the full width for everything. The computer adjusts the lines to the size of the window used, doesn't it? Mine does. Full width means one can print out something using all of a page, too, which I prefer.

Regards,  
Bob Neale

Dear Gram,

Is anyone going to be at the Colorado Springs Coin Show the end of June during the ANA seminars? If so, for the final time, is there any interest in a Mini Fest there?

Larry Gibbs

Dear Editor,

Joe Boling mentioned about finding a note with typing on it. Recently I came across a Rizal Monument 1 peso Philippine JIM that has a JAPWANCAP stamp on the face and typing across the back. The spelling and capital letters are as on the note:

"The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog

PACK MY BACK WITH ONE DOZEN LIQUOR JARS

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country

JAPANESE IMPERIAL NAVY IS MIGHTY OF ALL"

I can only guess at the origin. The first and third line are typing exercises. Could this have been a Japanese soldier practicing his English typing? I doubt it was an Allied soldier or Filipino as I assume they would not type the last line. The origin will never be known but I found it interesting.

Bill Myers

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MILITARY COIN PRACTICE SPREADS TO CIVILIAN LIFE IN WATERTOWN, NEW YORK

[The Watertown Daily Times of Watertown, NY discussed another  
instance of military challenge coins inspiring similar coins  
in civilian life. -Editor]

A piece of military distinction that has crept its way into civilian life is now a part of Franklin D. Cean's collection of honors.

The retiring owner of Knowlton Technologies, Engineered Composites & Media received the first coin minted by the city of Watertown and now being given to people who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the community.

After watching military brass hand out the personalized coins to worthy recipients, Watertown City Manager Mary M. Corriveau and Mayor Jeffrey E. Graham decided to have 300 coins minted to be distributed as a token of the city's appreciation.

The face of the coin is embossed with the city seal. The back is a statue of Hebe, the goddess of hospitality, a replica of the one scheduled to be erected in Public Square when the reconstruction project winds down in the fall.

"It's another way to say thank you," Mrs. Corriveau said.

The coins took hold in the U.S. military in World War I and are now widely used as a form of recognition. Also known as challenge coins, they were given to members of a unit as a symbol of allegiance and loyalty.

Two U.S. War College coins hang on the city manager's office wall, gifts she received in 2001 for attending a seminar that involves civilian guests in face-to-face discussions with senior military officers at the Carlisle Barracks, Pa., school.

"They'll be handed out very sparingly," Mr. Graham said. "We're keeping a book, or ledger, of who we're giving them out to and when and why."

To read the complete article, see:

<http://www.watertowndailytimes.com/article/20080419/NEWS03/377781493>

#### AUSTRALIAN ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS MILITARY NUMISMATICS

[The Brisbane Times published an article April 23 about interest in military numismatics. -Editor]

Interest in our military history is booming and this is reflected in the gentle art of numismatics, where some collectors are now specialising in the banknotes and other forms of paper currency produced in times of war. The fascination is obvious. What stories these pieces of paper have to tell.

Among the most desirable are the British banknotes that

were overprinted in Arabic script especially for use by colonial forces during the Gallipoli campaign. Also of interest are the Japanese notes, some with ironic scenes of tropical beaches, used by invasion forces in the latter period of World War II. And rarest of all are the limited series of notes (soon confiscated by the Australian Government)

produced for use by prisoners at an Australian internment camp. Some of these are virtual museum pieces and the prices fetched at auction are fast increasing. A single note from the internment camp at Hay can be worth more than \$5000. At least one "specimen" note (a test printing) is known to exist and is worth about \$20,000.

Included in this niche area are "chits", the small tickets resembling those used at cinemas, designed to be exchanged for goods and services at army canteens and the like. These are also increasing in value, up to \$500 each in the case of the ones used by the 4th Australian Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment in Palestine. Another one in demand is the 20 cent chit used by the Australian Surgical Team in Vietnam. These can fetch about \$300 each at auction.

To read the complete article, see:

<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/news/investment/please-take-note/2008/04/21/1208742855416.html>

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The last thing I do on Sunday evenings (well maybe not the last thing) is to take a quick look at my emails for the latest edition of the E-Sylum. For those not familiar, it is a weekly newsletter published by the Numismatic Bibliomania Society that reviews numismatic publications. It contains information on all facets of numismatics and, for me at least, there is something of interest to military numismatics in almost every issue. There are over 1100 subscribers with varying numismatic interests who have the opportunity to submit comments. The two articles above caught my eye and with permission they are reprinted here with the links to the full articles. You can read only what appeals to your collecting interest(s) and perhaps set you off in another collecting direction. It cost nothing to subscribe, and you can opt out at any time. To subscribe: <http://my.binhost.com/lists/listinfo/esylum> To contact the editor: whomren@coinlibrary.com

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Dear Editor,

I also find JAPWANCAP stamps interesting. You mention purple and blue in your editorial but I have also found black stamps. I am sure you know that.

Bill Myers Search News:

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[Thanks to Bill for the reminder - I do know about the black stamps but do not have one - yet - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

One person who I have not seen mentioned about JIM is Mike Payton. His collection, library, files, etc., about JIM is large and extensive. If anyone is interested in JIM, they should be in contact with Mike at PaperMoneyMike@Yahoo.com. He also shows up at every Memphis show in a tie dye t-shirt so he is hard to miss.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Editor,

I have seen in several places that a "special edition" is available- What does this mean? What does the regular/special cost?

Best wishes, David Schonberg

[David - The only thing I can think of regarding "special editions" are books which have been autographed by Ray and Steve Feller - Anyone out there have any other explanation? - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

I'd like to advise all gramsters that our spring Auction #38C is now online at <http://www.rosenblumcoins.com/38c>. This sale closes on Thursday June 5th.

As usual our auction includes numerous WWII items of interest including concentration camp, ghetto and POW notes along with ration chits, propaganda leaflets, 3 very rare Litzmannstadt Ghetto coins in silver and many other items.

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By the way one of the lots in the sale is the late Arthur Coole's Encyclopedia of Chinese Coins. Volume I. Bibliography of Far Eastern



Numismatology along with his other works on Chinese coins. Volume I features photos of some of the leading authors of works on these coins including one of a very young looking, but now 75 year old, Neil Shafer! Happy belated birthday Neil

Any questions feel free to contact me via phone at 720-981-0785 or 303-910-8245, fax 720-981-5345 or email at [bill@rosenblumcoins.com](mailto:bill@rosenblumcoins.com).  
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As I start this weeks report, I expect that it will be somewhat less specific and shorter too, but I cannot be certain until I am finished.

It is the fault of Larry Smulczenski and Garry Arva. They have gotten me interested in American Red Cross chits and similar numismatic emissions from WWII. Even though I do not own a single piece, I have spent considerable time researching these items over the past few weeks. Actually, I have not been researching the items. Instead I have been researching the American Red Cross in World War II. It is more interesting that I expected.

I have purchase at least three books on the subject. Four, I think. I have read one, am reading two others and one is on the way. At His Side is a great book. I expect to write a detailed review of it soon but it is the introd

uction to this weeks report. In this book there is an account of a civilian (they all were) ARC worker who received a silver star. I was amazed. From the report, the fellow earned it, but I was still surprised. I did not recall that the award could be made to civilians. Well, I found that it could. Also to my great surprise I learned that the silver star medal was introduced in WWII. It was not listed in Remembered, but it should have been and will be. It turns out that there was a silver star citation in WWI, but no medal.

In the mail yesterday, I received a pamphlet Armed Forces of the United States of America. It was published in 1943 and was actually an advertising piece for the Chicago Paper Company. Nonetheless, it is full of good and interesting material. Why I happened to purchase this pamphlet is yet another story that will probably require a few weeks to tell so it will wait.

This pamphlet describes the silver star situation described above.

Another interest

ing aspect of the pamphlet is that it does not include the bronze star. That is correct because it had not yet been created. We correctly had the bronze star in Remembered as a WWII creation, but we were wrong as described above for not having the silver star.

As far as I can tell there were no ARC medals for service etc. That is hard for me to believe. There may have been some longevity pins and the like and I suppose that if I can get good information on those,

we can include them in Rem2. Medals would be wonderful, but I cannot make them up. There must have been at least some unofficial commemorative medals for the ARC. If not, we might have to take on the project of creating and awarding some.

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I wanted to wish everybody a happy VE Day yesterday, but forgot. So happy VE Day +1.

In 1944, a Chicago radio station distributed what they called a pre-invasion map. Although the map covered all the areas of the war, it was concentrated on Europe and was intended to show the status of all the belligerents prior to what would become D-Day. The key to dating the map lay in the area around Anzio, Italy since all the countries were identified with different colors denoting Allies, Axis, Allied controlled, Axis controlled and Neutrals. As Anzio was the color of Allied control and Monte Cassino was still in German hands and Rome was still under Axis control then the date of the map was sometime between January and May of 1944.

Looking north on the map it struck me that Finland was the color of an Axis power. I do remember being taught in school that Finland was one of the very few countries that repaid its war debt, but I did not recall it being an enemy or Axis power. It seems Finland fought three "wars" during the WW II era. In short, Finland refused the Russian request for bases in 1939 and 40 leading

to the first conflict. England declared war on Finland in 1941, but the United States never did. After the first war, Finland tried to enlist the aid of the United Kingdom and Sweden but was rebuffed leading to a pact with the Nazis which resulted in the Russians making pre-emptive attacks on Finland as Germany invaded Russia. Subsequent to an armistice, Finland was required to expel all German troops from its homeland which led to the Lapland War.

After digesting all of this I went to Remembered to find the page(s) for Finland. Well, there aren't any, because Finland did not issue any known monetary or numismatic issues connected with the war. A check of Pick confirmed this information. But....Switzerland was neutral and had no issues of its own; there were however issues of internment camp notes; Spain "sat out the war" according to Remembered, and had no issue save for the possibility of camp notes since both

Allied and Axis personnel were detained there;

Sweden was also neutral during the war, but other than domestic coinage, there is no mention of any other issues. It seems to me that since Finland was an Axis country and did actively participate in the war it should at least be mentioned in the next edition of Remembered. It is possible that some type of monetary instruments were issued for prisoners or that funds were raised to finance the war.

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Dear Gram,

Is anyone going to be at the Colorado Springs Coin Show the end of June during the ANA seminars? If so, for the final time, is there any interest in a Mini Fest there?

Reference the query about the Colorado Springs coin show 27-29 June:

I will NOT be at the show, as I will be flying to Memphis Friday morning and returning Sunday afternoon - effectively obliterating all open hours of the CS show (unless I can sneak in at setup time Thursday night, if there is such a time). Participation in minifests has been waning there - possibly because there has not been copious publicity. Joe

Dear Gram

Tell Larry Gibbs that I will be there for the Colorado Springs Coin Show and would be very interested in a Mini-Fest. With luck, I may be able to convince Fred to come along, as well.

Warner

Dear Gram,

I will be attending the Colorado Springs show, probably showing up both Friday and Saturday and would be happy to have a mini-fest break out.

Cheers,

Sparky

Dear Editor,

For the past month or so I have been dedicating myself to cleaning up my almost Fred Schwan-like "blackhole" at my Bay House. The rediscoveries of several pieces I bought many years ago have sometimes really rattled my cage. One of them is a Kingdom of Laos 100 Kip P-6a note. It lay in my Laos/Lao stack for the past couple

of weeks and today, I flipped it over to decide whether it deserved a 5x8 holder and was stunned to read something written on the back watermark area. It has "ky niem, 31/01 1968, Lang Vei and a signature. "ky niem" loosely translates to "souvenir."

Lang Vei was a special forces camp between Khe Sanh and the border of Laos. It was a very bothersome thorn in the NVA side because it was in an intersection of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. So the NVA decided to take it out. Two NVA infantry regiments with one armored prepared to attack the camp. One of the camp's recon patrols made first contact on 31-01-1968, the date on the note.

The attack started on 6-02-1968 and the 24 special forces and 500 of their CIDG troops fought them with their armor support as long as they could, and then they evacuated on 7-02-1968. Their light weapons were not up to stopping armor.

This military "souvenir" note was very likely created by a high ranking officer, may

be the political officer, who had obtained it in Laos on an unknown date. This is a fantastic "military" piece and I will be donating it to the Special Forces Museum on Fort Bragg, North Carolina. I am sure there some former Lang Vei veterans still living in the area of the fort, and/or who visit the museum who would get a kick out of seeing a NVA souvenir for the

battle for their camp, and it should dress up any exhibit about the camp too. The Master Sergeant Daniel

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More on Taxi Tickets.

by Jim Downey

In MPCGram 1646, the editor related the tale of acquiring a taxi ticket from the US zone of occupied Germany. These tickets were good for fares on certain taxis operated in the US (and later UK) zones of occupation.

The first taxi service authorized for use by occupation personnel only was the Taxibal Service in Berlin. Taxibal (it was supposed to be Taxiball but the final "l" was left off the documents of authorization) was organized by a German entrepreneur who pitched the idea of a special taxi service in Berlin to the Office of the Military Government - United States (OMGUS). It consisted of about 100 owner-operated taxis. Taxibal began operations in early 1947.

The fares were paid with coupons purchased in booklets of \$6.00. The coupons were denominated in reichsmarks (RM) and reichspfennig (Rpfg). The coupon books were sold by the Army Exchange Service for MPC. The exchange rate for Taxibal coupons was \$.30/ RM. This was a disadvantageous rate to the US personnel as the official rate was \$.10/RM. The operation was licensed by and the proceeds went to the Import-Export Section of OMGUS which was the US component of the Joint Export-Import Agency (JEIA). OMGUS paid the drivers in RM based on the \$.10/RM exchange rate and pocketed the difference. The high exchange rate was criticized in an article in the March 31, 1947 New York Times. The subject of the article was the confusion over the myriad of official exchange rates in Germany. Despite the higher exchange rate, the overall cost of fares for the Taxibal service was less expensive than the going rate for German taxis.

The rates for the Taxibal service were:

35pfg (10.5 cents) for the initial flag pull and first kilometer

20pfg (6 cents) for each additional kilometer

20pfg (6 cents) for each

additional passenger

5pfg (1.5 cents) for each minute of waiting time

Based on this information and the text on the taxi coupon book shown in World War II Remembered, it appears as though the taxi coupon booklet in WW2R was for the Taxibal service in Berlin although this is not stated on the booklet itself.

The Berlin taxi service proved so popular and successful that similar arrangements were set up in Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Darmstadt, Munich, Regensburg, Nuremberg and undoubtedly other locations. Contemporary accounts indicate each installation issued their own coupon books. The Frankfurt coupon shown in WW2R is probably from this issue. One account indicates the coupons for the installations outside Berlin were based on the \$.10/RM exchange.

In March 1948, control and licensing for all taxi service in the US zone was centralized under the direct authority of the JEIA. Coupons issued for the individual installations were exchangeable for the JEIA coupons. The J

EIA sold coupons for all locations at the \$.30/RM rate but the fares were cut by 2/3 so the effective cost per ride was the same.

The initial JEIA coupons were sold in \$6.00 booklets denominated in RM and Rpfg. After the German Currency Reform of June 1948, the denomination of the taxi coupons was changed to Deutsche Marks (DM) and pfennig. This was done to prevent the Currency Reform from affecting the value of the taxi coupons in the hands of US personnel who had paid for the coupons in dollars in the form of MPC. The DM coupons were sold in \$3.00 booklets.

In June 1949, the JEIA changed the denomination of the taxi coupons from DM to undefined Units. The exchange remained at \$.30/DM but coupons were sold in booklets of 950 units for \$3.00 MPC. The rates in units were as follows:

50 units (15 cents) for initial flag pull and first kilometer  
30 units (9 cents) for each additional kilometer  
50 units (15 cents) for each additional kilometer for two passengers  
60 units (18 cents) for each additional kilometer for three or more passengers  
5 units (1.5 cents) for each minute of waiting time  
Trips over 25 kilometers -- flat rate of 50 units (15 cents) for each kilometer of the round trip

Despite the change in denomination, the DM and pfennig coupons were still valid until May 1, 1950. In May 1951, the JEIA issued new style unit denominated coupons. The new coupons were sold in booklets of 600 units for \$2.50. The old coupons remained valid until June 1, 1951. In July 1952, the rates were raised to 60 units for the initial pull. The rate per kilometer was reduced.

At some point prior to 1951, MPC was authorized for use in paying taxi fares. An article in the October 23, 1951 European Stars and Stripes indicated that MPC would not be permitted for paying taxi fares after October 20, 1951.

The taxi services ceased operating in 1954.

How successful was the taxi service? Between March and December 1948 it generated \$2,820,000.00; from January through April 1949, \$2,102,000.00; and \$10,200,000.00 during 1951.

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The next edition of Remembered will feature on section of stamps. These will include Allied Military Government issues, occupation issues and any stamps created as a result of World War II. Some of these issues were briefly mentioned in a Gram just after Fest IX. Fred has given me another hat, that of stamp editor. I think the first thing that should be done is to set some dating criterion and compile a list of what stamp issues would fit. Ron Waddell has taken a large step in that direction. He has gone through all the volumes of The Scotts Stamp Catalog and made a listing. He also has a number of issues.

I hope to coordinate with him, and the other Gramsters who have an interest, to get the process rolling.

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Dear Editor,

Twenty plus years ago, there was a dealer named Elmer Wright who lived in Arizona. He was researching JIM notes which had Japanese War Claimants Association over-stamps on them. If I recall correctly, at that time, he was in his eighties so I doubt if he is still with us today. He was identifying the various variations to be found on the over-stamps (there are quite a few). I have copies of his original research from that time. If anybody has specific questions about these over-stamps feel free to ask.

Ken Berger

Dear Gram

Military Challenge Coins originating in World War I! Was that a typo? Or was Mr. Homren simply misinformed? More info please!

In Brotherhood,

Ray Bows

[Dear Ray, a Google search came up with some information. It appears the idea did originate in WW I. See the links below.- Ed.]

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Dear Editor,

As an update to your list of attendees for FEST X, add the following: Warner and Jane Talso and Rob and Martha Stevenson.

Warner

Dear Gram,

I'll be at the Colorado Springs Coin Show and would be happy to participate in a mini Fest. Joe, I could get you in to the show on Thursday evening set up, but from past history, there won't be many people there or any kind of real activity to speak of. But if we can get enough interest, I'm sure we can work something out. If nothing else, we could do something at the college campus in a room somewhere, or even at our store. Keep me in mind and I can work something out I'm sure.

Ken Hallenbeck

Dear Editor,

Just wanted give a thanks to Fred + Joe {Schwan + Boling} for giving a wonderful talk at The Old Fort Coin Club meeting this past Thursday. It was on the

progressive proof set of series 692. They did a great job considering the small room we were forced to meet in. They also made a souvenir card commemorating the occasion. 25 copies were made and sold for \$3 each. Every one sold except serial #1 which was donated to the club. The presentation showed the color combinations that were laid on top of each other to make the finished colors. Lots of research still needs to be done on this including how they were printed as far as numbering is concerned. Fred also brought along one set of progressive proofs{sorry I don't remember which denomination}. Also a special thanks to the boss{Judy} for helping out by selling the souvenir cards. I'm sure there is lot more that could be described about that night, but it's sort of a jumble in my head right now. Anyway thanks again to Fred, Joe, and Judy for making it a memorable night. FYI OFCC is in Fort Wayne, IN.  
Bill Haines.

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More on Finland,  
by Warner Talso

Here is some more history about Finland and Sweden during WWII. You got the basic story right in GRAM 1651, and here are some details and perspectives. The first war, "Winter War" of 1939-40, was an attack by Russia to gain land and all-weather ports on the Gulf of Finland. It was David versus Goliath, except that the Russian army suffered from very poor leadership. Almost all Generals and staff officers had been Tsarists and purged from the army (and executed) by Stalin after the Bolshevik revolution. The Finns defended themselves admirably and won international sympathy. However, literally, they ran out of bullets before the Soviets ran out of bodies. There were a significant number of "volunteer" Swedes fighting with the Finns. Plus Sweden "donated" war material. The Swedes and Finns are very close. They claim to be the only two countries in the world who have never fought each other. (At international safety conferences, I have several Swedish friends who greet me as "brother" and continually remind me we have a unique bond.)

When the Nazis were at the gates of Moscow, Finland thought this was the time to get their land back. They formed an alliance with the Third Reich. However, word was already leaking out of the Nazi excesses. Finland did not become an ally, implying common ideologies, and so became a "co-belligerent".

Sweden's neutrality was very flexible. The northernmost city in Sweden, Kiruna, is the center of some of the most pure/rich iron ore deposits in the world. They sold ore to Germany, even after WWII started. Ore could not be shipped by sea (from Kiruna to the port Narvik, Norway) because the British Navy ruled the Baltic Sea. So ore was shipped by Swedish rail



to southern Swedish ports (a stretch of neutrality). First, once a month because Sweden was neutral. Then, after German pressure, every week. Then the Wehrmacht was allowed to put German soldiers on the trains for security. Then the Wehrmacht was allowed to send divisions of troops across Sweden to the Finnish front. Truly, a slippery slope. So you ask, where is the numismatic link here? Perhaps to balance this tilt toward Nazi Germany, the Swedish government provided heavy war related machinery and hard goods to the Soviet Union as part of a secret "credit agreement" initiated in 1940. These goods were paid for with intergovernmental bonds. The reason for this is not clear, perhaps because the Swedes thought redeeming bonds was more likely than repayment of loans. These bonds came to light in 1992. A sample bond for 50000 Kroner is attached.

Since you ask, the name Talso can be traced back to 14th century Finland. At that time the Talso's were wealthy landowners. However, during the subsequent revolution, they were divested of their wealth. Ah, well.

[Editor's note:I'll try to send the attachment of the Swedish bond with the Gram. If it doesn't work, I'll post it to the website.]

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#### EDITORIAL

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There was some sort of error last Monday. For some reason Friday's Gram #1651 went out again with Ken Hallenback's letter as the lead, before the title line. I can't explain why. I received my copy of Gram #1651 on Friday when it was originally sent out and a second copy on Monday when Gram #1652 was sent. I had planned to publish Ken's letter anyway, readers just got it in the wrong spot on the Gram. Sorry for the confusion.

Tuesday was a day that started out very bad but ended upon a positive note, at least so far. I had bid on and won three Philippine Guerrilla notes from Palawan on Ebay. Two of the notes, a 1 Peso and a 2 Peso, both Brook's Point issues (Shafer - PAL 221 and PAL 222) were in one lot and the third, a 20 Peso listed in Pick Volume One as PS 955 was another. Shipping was very quick and when I opened the envelope I saw there was a problem. The paper looked odd, like rice paper, and upon closer examination of the notes I saw that the word "copy" was written on the back of each in what looked like ballpoint pen and was then marked over with a black marker. The different pens/inks showed up clearly under a glass. Having paid over \$200 for the three notes I immediately emailed the seller. The seller refunded part of the payment and requested the notes be returned explaining he had purchased them from a dealer as uncirculated authentic notes. (Apparently he never examined them very closely). We are currently in the process of resolving the issue. Fortunately I used PayPal. It's too bad, as the 20 Peso note is not priced in Pick, and the other two

notes are priced at \$16.50 each (1974 dollars) in Neil's book. The motto is: if it seems too good to be true, it probably is!

Another package came on Tuesday: a VF Series 471 \$5.00 which I had been paying "alimony" on. So what started out as a bad day, ended up a good day, and as I said at the beginning, so far.

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Dear Gram,  
It sounds like there may be some interest in a Colorado Springs MiniFest probably on June 28th. Anyone interested please e mail me at oth@prairieweb.com and if there is enough interest we'll see what we can get together. Haven't been able to make it to the CS show for the last 2 years. Since I organized the previous ones, that could be why interest has waned. Please let me know ASAP.  
Larry Gibbs

Dear Gram,  
I will be at the Seminar and Colorado Coin Show. I never participate in Mini-Fests because I don't hear about them.  
Dave Hunsicker  
[Dear Dave - reference is made to Larry's letter - hope you go and have a good time - Ed.]

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TWIRR#4  
by Fred Schwan

Last week on Thursday I attended the Fort Wayne Coin Club monthly meeting. I had a great time. I had been to Fort Wayne before, but not to attend a coin club meeting or show but to get married. Yes, the boss and I did the deed there a few (choke) years ago.

Somehow or another I was recruited to give a program at the club meeting. I gave a program that I call Len Buckleys Masterpieces. It is the story of the design of MPC series 692 and of the recently discovered and sold booklet of sheets of four specimens, composites, and progressive proofs of the series.

Joe Boling attended the show and was a life saver having brought the IBNS electronic projector along which we needed to make the presentation. There were many interesting things about the meeting. I think that the one that hit closest to home was the visit by the Fire Marshall. I am not certain of this part, but I think that he said that there was too much hot air coming from the room. There was also a rumor that he said that we had too many people in the room. No there is a problem that many coin clubs around the country would indeed love to have! Still, I think that the hot air version has a lot of credibility.

Elmer Smith attended the meeting too. He lives in the area but is not a regular at the meetings although I think that he was in the past. Most importantly, it

was great to see him. He has only been to one Fest, but I encouraged him to come next year for Fest X. I expect that it will be a real good time.

Mostly this week I have been doing background work for remembered rather than direct work. Of course the biggest breakthrough was the spectacular article by Jim Downey earlier this week on taxi tickets. I might have mentioned in response to a comment by Roger on taxi tickets, but Jims article is ground breaking. Actually, the introduction of TTs in Reml was a bit ground breaking in itself, but Jims info is really remarkable. Well done, Jim.

Do you know what a bus-eum is? How about TRACES? Do you know what that is. I knew the latter, but only learned the former last week. I do not know if there is more than one bus-eum or not, but I know of at least one. A museum on a bus is a bus-eum, at least that is what TRACES calls it. The bus-eum is a traveling museum that documents the experience of Americans who were held as POWs in Germany during WWII. Irving Kellman is the bus guide. He does a great job. I spent about an hour at the bus-eum that was brought to Port Clinton by TRACES and sponsored locally by our public library. It was a great thing.

Digging deeper TRACES has more or less the same mission. The bus-eum is a project of TRACES.

TRACES is led and I believe founded by the dynamic Michael Luick-Thrams. Michael and TRACES have been in the Gram before. Steve Feller, Marv Mericle, and I attended a conference on the POW experience. That conference was about 5-7 years ago and was a hoot.

Here is what TRACES says about itself on its website (link given below):

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Ken Berger had some good information on Philippine Guerrilla counterfeit and copy notes which he sent to me in an email and followed up with a telephone call. I think the information is worth sharing and today, Ken's information will be the subject of a guest editorial

Dear Editor,

About 2 years ago, a bunch of uncirculated KKK notes & Mi Hon overprint notes started appearing on the market; soon afterward uncirculated notes from Palawan & Culion also started appearing on the market. As an experienced collector of PI guerrilla notes, I suspected that these notes might be fake for a number of reasons: 1) they were 60 plus yrs old & in pristine condition (anyone who has lived in the tropics - such as myself - would know this is practically impossible unless they had been kept under controlled conditions), 2) it was hard to believe that so many notes could all of a sudden become available after such a long time, 3) these were among some of the rarest notes at the time,

4) they were being sold on eBay by a single person in the Philippines who was not a major collector or dealer nor was he a member of the major PI collector societies.

Anyway, I contacted some of the major collectors & dealers in the Philippines for their thoughts & opinions. They were aware of the situation & had actually discussed it at the local clubs. Their conclusion was that the notes were very high quality fakes & were produced by an un-reputable person.

Upon further research, I was able to determine that the original seller on eBay had first sold under one name & then when people were starting to catch on to him, re-registered under a new name & started selling again. He is no longer an active user under his new name. Unfortunately, these notes have now entered the market & are being sold by many different people throughout the U.S. & other countries who believe the notes are genuine & become defensive when the authenticity of their notes is questioned. I would not touch any note from Palawan, Culion, KKK (Masbate) or with a MiHon overprint that was in uncirculated condition. (If you want copies of my correspondence which some of the top collectors & dealers in the PI regarding these notes, I'll send it to you.

Ken Berger

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Dear Gram,

How can I reach the person who will be mail bidding the Nielsen collection? I would like to get a list.

Gary Snover.

[Dear Gary, Ray Czahor has the material and he can answer your question. cookiejarpi@verizon.net- Ed.]



Dear Gram,

Quick note with the final details of the IBNS meeting at the upcoming Long Beach Coin Show. The meeting will be on Saturday, 31 May, starting at 1000 in Room 102-C, and Jim Noll will give a presentation on ATM Bank Notes.

Cheers,  
Sparky

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World War II Stamps,  
by Colin Bruce

When I read this [2nd Edition WW II Remembered to include stamps] I had very mixed emotions. I once collected Japanese Occupation stamps which is quite a broad field and Scott's coverage --- perhaps 75%. They never listed the Japanese army and naval overprints from Netherlands Indies but a specialized catalog is available in the Netherlands. Kelantan had stamps with the local Japanese officials little signature seal for revenue usage.

Don't forget to include special Japanese military postal cards. Oh, perhaps the propaganda picture post cards also. Philippines.....there are hand stamped "O.B." For some strange reason the Japanese did not overprint a lot of PI revenue stamps, they just used them as is. I have sent copies of one of these documents to you. Nazi Germany had a very prolific variety of revenue type stamps for just about every type of booklet and certain packaged goods.

The regular Hitler head imprinted stamp postcards seem to have various propaganda statements on them and there are also the propaganda picture postcards.

Of course the Nazi era commemorative postage stamps and souvenir sheets with military motifs and special military cancels are classics.

Russia did various series of commemorative stamps with military themes. I think they invented "CTO".

Ration stamps and booklets is a field in itself.

Were any special European war time stamps issued just for passports?

Most important.....are you going to establish current market valuations for all this stuff?

So to sum it all up if I read too far into this statement then whatever you include will be just fine but if you intend to be all inclusive you definitely need a lot of philatelic and perhaps some psychiatric help.

I'm not sure which help I could provide but I'm willing to forward whatever illustrati

ons or material that I may have access to. My oldest son and I have a very nice run of various German postcards.

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Colin's feature gives us some interesting and challenging information on World War II issue stamps. It seems a lot of research needs to be done to determine the issues we would like to have in the next edition of Remembered. Perhaps the first thing to do is to establish a starting

date. Most believe World War II started on September 1st, 1939 when Germany invaded Poland, yet others believe the war started with the 1937 China incident. We would, of course, be very interested in the specialized catalog from the Netherlands and any other information Colin may have available. There is also the stamps from the Nielsen collection which are currently being sorted through by Ray Czahor. Any and all information is welcome.

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Dear Gram,

I have a few questions about Ken Berger's great guest editorial. I am not sure from the letter if he examined the bad notes himself. I am getting at the comment about them being high-quality counterfeits. I would like to know more about them (the fakes). My guess is that they are reproductions using current computer technology and office printers. If this is the case I would not normally call them high-quality, but that gets right to the issue. I would like to know more. Thanks to Ken and Roger.

Fred

Dear Gram,

I am asking that Ken Berger send to me copies of the correspondence that he has regarding the fake Philippine Guerrilla currency that he discussed in gram 1654. I am an avid collector of these notes and I am considering a trip to the Philippines. I would appreciate any advice on travel tips, points of interest, etc. too. P

lease email me at coinpro@excite.com or coinpro99@yahoo.com. Thanks

Bill Yanchick

Dear Editor,

I finally listed several items on eBay where all the proceeds will go to the Military Numismatics Scholarship Fund. From this years Chicago CPMX are items 320253377004 and 320253387822. From last years ANA Milwaukee banquet are items 320253393363, 320253399542, and 320253400959. From this years Chicago CSNS minifest is item 320253407768. My eBay seller id is ksfdaf. Good luck to all the bidders and remember all the proceeds will go to the Military Numismatics Scholarship Fund.

Thanks, Dan

[Readers should take a look at the items listed. There are some interesting issues and the proceeds will go to a good cause. Bid early and often. - Ed.]

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More on Guerrilla Counterfeits/Copies,  
by Ken Berger

Here is a copy of one of the emails I received from the PI regarding the guerrilla notes.

At that time they were being sold by xander coins.

Ken

i took a peek in what xandercoins is selling and yes, indeed many are questionable ... the quezons own guerrilla note is certainly a fake ... to

date, only one person is known to have a copy here, and it was recently offered and featured in the cover catalog of the Banknotes Society of the Philippines auction several months back ...

i know for a fact that the activities of this xandercoins fellow is known to the collecting community here ... he is not a person to be trusted, i am

certain of that ... and we believe that the source of these fakes is Al Brown, or Reverend Brown as he is known here ... a longtime American resident here, m

arried to a Filipina, is known to have started his guerrilla money collection when he was able to convince a prominent collector here and bought a large part of the collection ... this was years ago ... i have never met this person but had on occasions heard stories of his shady activities in the collecting community ... he is not liked ... about two years ago, he was offering these notes that appeared all of a sudden to different collectors and dealers that are now found to be fake ... the collecting/hobbyist activity here is small hence, it is easy to be found out ... and xandercoins knew he was selling fakes all along ...

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#### EDITORIAL

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The emails forwarded by Ken provide a lot of information about counterfeit/copied

Guerrilla notes. Some names were omitted. Counterfeiting the notes is big business

and apparently business is good. It makes sense to question notes described as "uncirculated" as Ken points out. There is one caveat though: some examples of notes were not issued and were kept safe and in excellent condition or notes that were collected during the war and stored

properly and have survived to date. This is borne out by notes in my own collection purchased in person from a fellow fester who was able to obtain them from

a reputable source in the Philippines. I would imagine that some notes from

the Nielsen collection, currently being inventoried by Ray Czahorare authentic

and in near uncirculated condition. This we will see when the collection is made

available for viewing. As far as my recent experience went, all monies were refunded promptly and the seller, to his credit, was quick to apologize. The copies were returned.

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Dear Editor, Harmer - ABNC Archives Auction, Part III

The next auction of the ABNC Archives and some additional pieces will be on June 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2008. All of the lots can be read and/or viewed at <http://www.hrharmer.com/sales/2985-2/auction.html>. It will be worth the time for most of you to browse through the entire catalog because there are some pieces I might have missed telling you about or I did not know you were interested in them.

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Lots 5824-6045-U.S. (and a few Worldwide) Stocks and Bonds from Mining Firms.

Lots 5938-5939- Hercules Powder Co proof stock certificates.  
Lot 5968 - Mining Vignettes used on Stocks, Bonds, Banknotes and Checks.

Lots 6046-6068- U.S. Gold Rush, Western Exchanges and Mining Ephemera.

Lots 6046-6048 - Adams & Company Express Co. Lot 6059 - Wells Fargo & Co.  
Lots 6064-6067 - American Express Co.

Lots 6069-6316 - U.S. (and a few Worldwide) Railroad Stocks and Bonds.

Lots 6317-6334- U.S. City and State Bonds.

Lots 6335-6359 - U.S. and Worldwide Vignettes & Security Printing Ephemera.

Lot 6336 - ABNC 1943 Specimen Auto License and other items.

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Lots 6384-6387- Cigar Label Related Items & Cigar Sample Labels.

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Lots 6416-6443 - U.S. Civil & Revolutionary War Engravings, Prints & Ephemera (Civil War era is elsewhere!).

Lots 6444-6451 - Animal Vignettes.

Lots 6452-6463- Miscellaneous Vignettes from several different Printers.

Lots 6463-6482 - Scrip Notes, Checks and Traveler's Checks. There are a couple of pieces in this area that Neil Shafer writes about and collects, and the travelers' checks Gary Snover collects.

Lots 6483-6487 - Original Art Work.

Lots 6488-6506 - Bureau of Engraving & Printing Production Proof Material for Federal Bonds. Most are for Federal Bonds but there is something for a Postal Bond.

Lots 6507-6511 - Canada Victory Loan Bonds from 1918. This is all for WWI War Bonds.

Lot 6512 - U.S.. Navy Bill of Exchange Sheet of 1860's.

Lots 6513-6521 - Liberty Loan Bonds, Payment Coupons & Ephemera of WWI.

Lot 6522 - U.S. Government Printing Office War Bond Poster. This is really a post-WWII poster but with the images of many War Bonds on it.

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Lots 6535-6605 - U.S. & Confederate Obsolete, Colonial & Depression Banknotes. Another group with many pieces of what Neil Shafer writes about.

Lots 6572-6574 - U.S. Company Scrip and Depression Scrip.

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Costa Rica, England, Haiti & Ecuador.

Lots 6650- - Foreign Banknotes & Production Material. Lots of China!

Lot 6829 - Asian Assortment of Banknotes, 40+. Japan, Laos, Cambodia,  
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Lot 6875 - Brunei 5 Ringgit (1967) P-2 Unlisted TDLR Color Trial.  
Lot 6876 - Brunei 1 Ringgit (1972-88) P-6 Unlisted TDLR Color Trial.  
Lot 6877 - Brunei 10 Ringgit (1972-88) P-6 (really P-8) Unlisted TDLR  
Color Trial.  
Lot 6878 - Brunei 50 Ringgit (1973-86) P-9 Unlisted TDLR Color Trial.  
Lot 6879 - Brunei 100 Ringgit (1972-88) P-10 Unlisted TDLE Color Trial.

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Lot 7167 - Columbia Banknotes with 2 Counterfeits.

Lot 7279 - French Colonies (includes Indochina).  
Lot 7283 - French Indochina 1 Piastre (1945) P-76 Unlisted Face and Back  
Proofs.  
Lot 7284 - French Laos 10 Piastres (1953) P-102 Unlisted Specimen.

Lots 7291-7340 - WWII Greece Listed and Unlisted Proofs.

Lots 7386-7406 - Indonesia Essays of unused designs with Sukarno in  
center.  
Lot 7407 -P-39 and 40Proofs and Specimens.  
Lot 7408 -2 1/2 Rupiah 1951 P-39 UnlistedColorTrial.  
Lot 7409 -21/2 Rupiah 1951 P-39Unlisted Color Trial.  
Lot 7410 -1Rupiah 1953 P-40 Unlisted Color Trial.  
Lot 7411 -2 1/2 Rupiah 1953 P-41 Unlisted Color Trial.  
Lot 7412 -1 Rupiah 1950-51 P-38 Unlisted Essay Proof backs.  
Lot 7413 -100,000 Rupiah Warner Brothers Store Scrip.

Lots 7440-7466 - Laos Essays, Proofs and Specimens.  
Lot 7440 - Laos P-2s, P-3s and P-5s1 specimens.  
Lot 7441 - Laos P-4 and P-5 Proofs.  
Lots 7442-7465 Lao Essays 50 At to 100 Kip for Proposed banknoteissue.  
Lot 7466 - Laos Treasury Bond Specimen.

Lots 7614-7668 - Philippines Essays, Proofs and Specimens.  
Lot 7614 -10 PesoAdvertising Note with unused design.  
Lots 7615-7666 - Essays, Models and Specimens.  
Lot 7667 - 50 Pesos 1949  
P-138 Essay.

Lot 7668 - 20 Pesos 1921 P-55 & 50 Pesos 1944 Victory P-100b Issued notes.

Lot 7735 - Timor 1000 Escudos 1968 P-30 UnlistedColor Trial.

Lots 7789-7795 - Viet-Nam, South Unlisted Color Trials, Issued, Specimens, Unused Design.

Lot 7789 - 500 Dong (1955) P-10s1Specimen ofIssuedwith 127 overstamp.

Lot 7790 - 200 Dong (1958) P-9p Face and Back Proofs on India paper.

Lot 7791 - 200 Dong (1966) P-20s2 UnlistedColor Trial.

Lot 7792 - 50 Dong (1972) P-30s Unlisted Color Trial.

Lot 7793 - 45+ notes from North, South & NLF.

Lot 7794 - 10, 20 & 50Dong (1962)P-5s, P-6s & P-7s Specimens of Issued.

Lot 7795 - 200 Dong (1962) P-14A Unused Design Trail, 2 each?

Lot 7798 - Worldwide 100-200 notes showing French Indochina and French Kingdom of Laos notes.

Dear Gram A recent email for Numismatic News features designs for the upcoming commemorative quarter issues for the District of Columbia and US Territories. One design option caught my attention and that was the design for the Northern Mariana Islands. The islands of Saipan, Tinian and Aquijuan make up the island group which became part of the United States in 1986. This particular design features as US soldier complete with M1 rifle landing on a beach. The date of June 15, 1944, the date US forceslanded on Saipan to free it from Japanese forces is also part of the design. From what I get of the article, the military design was not chosen, losing out to two designs featuring local flora and fauna, a sailboat and tourists. I liked the military theme.

Roger Urce

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Here's another email I received from the PI when the notes first started appearing on Ebay.

Ken

i knew i would be receiving a query on the activities of xandercoins, it was

just a matter of time ...

xandercoins is Dawnie Jacinto ... although known to have been collecting and buying from dealers and collectors before, to my knowledge he is not a

member of any of the local collecting clubs here and is not active in attending auctions ... his listing of the "mi hon" overprint JIM note is certainly in question and no meaning member of collecting clubs and hobbyist here believes these are genuine ... a case in point is the 100 peso specimen without the red "mi hon" overprint - when this was submitted to a club for a local auction several months ago, it was rejected ... it was found to be fake after

comparing it from the holdings of a prominent member collector who has a copy of the same ... i was told stories about the shady activities of this

person and so, i can only advise you and your fellow collecting friends to be very careful in dealing with

xandercoins ... also, there are loud rumors of the questionable activities of one Al Brown, better know here as Reverend Brown ... he is being said to be the source of these fake banknotes ...

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Currency Control,  
Part One,  
by Jim Downey

Currency Control Books were the first attempt to rein in the black market in the European Theater after WWII. Here is the history of currency control in Europe courtesy of the Office of Chief Historian -- European Command from 1947 as found in The First Year -- Part V, Occupation Forces in Europe Series 1945-1946.

Several factors led to the conditions that necessitated currency control. One was the great depreciation of most European currencies, and especially the German mark. Another was the very active German black market. In combat there were always chances for the unscrupulous soldier to enrich himself at the government's expense. Thus, there was always the necessity for measures to prevent the soldier with large quantities of almost worthless currency from changing it into dollars at the artificial rate which the Army had set up between the dollar and European currencies.

A definite limit was set to remittances to the United States in the provision that no person could exceed in any month that month's pay and allowances plus 10 percent, and for the first time it was clearly stated that only money derived from pay and allowances was eligible for remittances.

At the end of August [1945] the G-1 Division proposed a more drastic form of currency control. This was the currency control book system, whereby all pay and allowances, and cash derived from dollar instruments, were entered on a permanent record, and purchases of dollar instruments were entered on the debit side of this record. This suggestion, approved by the Theater Commander, was forwarded to the War Department.

Meanwhile, the Theater Commander proposed to give men in Theater who had saved money and were redeployed a chance to get it home before the system mentioned above went in to effect. For the month of October [1945] all restrictions on the amount of money that could be sent home were lifted. This action was not concurred in by the War Department, but it had gone into effect by the time the opinion of the Department was received in the Theater.

Use of the Currency Exchange Control Book became effective 10 November 1945. The book consisted of a single sheet of paper folded over to make four pages. The inside pages were divided into nine columns, in which entries were to be made . . . The chief structural defects of the book were that it was too flimsy to bear hard use, and consequently had to be kept for the most part in company offices rather than on the owner's person, and that in the authentication column, there was space only for initials, which could easily be forged.

The Fiscal Director's Office almost immediately reported the following defect to the Director: an individual could send his whole pay home and live in the Theater on black-market profits. To prevent this, it was suggested that the cost of meals in messes should be deducted from officer's pay at the source instead of being charged in cash, and that purchases at official installations should be deducted from the currency control book if amounting over two dollars.

Many minor infringements occurred at first. Men were sent on leave without books, or had money changed while on leave without entries being made. Ports and reinforcement depots neglected to issue books or certificates of exchange for currency. Cases occurred of grossly excessive initial declarations being approved without question.

Two months after the introduction of the Currency Control Book it was felt that the system should be revised. Major commands were instructed to make suggestions to be incorporated in a contemplated second circular. The following changes were proposed: a much stouter book which could be retained by the individual; serial numbering of books; space for a full signature in the last column to prevent forgery; and entry in the appropriate debit column of all expenditures in official installations, if over fifty cents. But meanwhile the War Department had also got its currency control plans under way, and this Theater circular, although issued in April [1946], never went into effect.

To be continued...

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EDITORIAL

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In addition to important information on Guerrilla counterfeits/copies, Ken Berger also provided some new (to me anyway) information on counter-stamped Japanese Invasion Money from the Philippines. The research was done by Elmer E. Smith and it is comprehensive. In his research Mr. Smith concluded there were eight (8) different types of JAPWANCAP over-stamps in three different colors. A copy of an informational sheet, along with a price list of notes, dated April 23rd, 1958, contains a lot of information. Additional copied material is en-route. After digesting both a full report will be prepared for the Gram.

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Dear Editor,

I read the emails from Ken Berger with interest and can substantiate most of the information he provided. In fact two years ago, I put out warnings of the KKK and Palawan notes to my email community. However, I do believe the Culion Leper Colony Emergency notes came from a legitimate hoard and started hitting the market about 3 years ago. I bought a large number of the pieces myself and examined them closely with C.M. Nielsen at the time. He in fact believed a large group of notes existed and back in the early '80s tried to get Aldo Basso, noted Philippine Numismatist and Dealer, to chase down the hoard at that time. Basso was unable or wouldn't do so and died in the mid eighties. I also have a unique set of Culion Leper Colony notes believed to be special presentation pieces. All have 9XXXX Serial Numbers and were obtained back in August 1948 by a Boston Collector, since deceased, Allan Forbes. At some point will put them into my Mailbid Sale.

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Dear Gram,

I have a complete set of Culion Leper Colony notes that I obtained last year from 3 different eBay sellers in the Philippines. I would be willing to let anyone that has knowledge in the area examine the notes and

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dave@frankcomputers.com.  
David Frank

Dear Editor,

The May 2008 issue of Army magazine Reviews section has two books that might be of interest to Gramsters. The first is titled The Shake 'n Bake Sergeant: True Story of Infantry Sergeants in Vietnam by Jerry S. Horton, ISBN 978-1425144517, 322 pages. The reviews in the magazine and on Amazon praise it as a true account and they highly recommend it. The second book is Heads or Tails: A Life of Random Luck and Risky Choices by Arthur T. Hadley, ISBN 978-0977753154, 232 pages. Another book with excellent reviews. The author ended up in a Psy Warfare Detachment in WWII and had some interesting and dangerous times. For those of you interested in WWII propaganda, this is likely a book for you.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

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Brown and Yellow Seals,  
By Larry Smulczenski

I just got my May/June issue of the SPMC Journal. In it is a very powerful article by Pete Huntoon, who has done countless hours of study in the national archives researching U.S. Paper Money. This issue, Pete tackles a subject that should be near the hearts of all Gramsters, the Hawaii and North Africa notes of World War II. The article tells you everything you ever wanted to know about Hawaii and North Africa notes but were afraid to ask--and then some. The dates that each group of notes were numbered, why we have mules, exactly what are mules, when the notes were issued and where in field, when they were withdrawn and on and on and on. Pete further ties these notes in with the use of other occupational currencies. It is just a fantastic job and I guarantee that if you are a beginner or an expert you will learn something from this article. I know I did and it started on the cover. Pictured are three ten dollar Silver Certificates,

series 1934A. The center one is a blue seal and the two surrounding notes are yellow seal North Africa notes. Closer inspection of the serial numbers show that the three notes have serial numbers in close proximity to one another, not consecutive but close enough for government work for you to realize that the blue seal should have a yellow seal. You are prompted to this conclusion by a statement to that effect below the notes and encouraged to read the article. I was aware that some group fearing that the yellow seal notes would be demonetized after the war, had altered the yellow seal on some notes into a green seal with green serial numbers and added a New York Federal Reserve Seal to impersonate a Federal Reserve note. The title at the top center of the note remained as Silver Certificate. I, however, did not remember knowing that someone else had altered some yellow seals to blue seals. There is referenced an article in a 2002 Paper Money issue that disclosed this type of spurious issue. I scrambled to find this Journal and sure enough there was a half page on this discovery. I guess I had missed it or old-timers disease has done away with this info. I just wonder how many more of these deceptive alterations are still out there to be discovered. The article says that only three have been reported. Again, this is a great article. You ought to read it. By the way, Gram columnist Jim Downey is credited with major inputs to the article.

There is another article in that copy of Paper Money that was of great interest to me. Festers know my fascination with the number 39. I showed some of my 39 notes at Fest Eight including a National with Charter number 3939 from Wood River, Nebraska. This note is fairly common as a hoard of these notes came to light in the 1980's. Here is another great article that tells the whole story of the Wood River Hoard and certainly is interesting reading.

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The discussions and comments regarding the Philippine Guerrilla issues and the addition of a philatelic section to Remembered 2 are interesting and gratifying. This is what the Gram is about: the exchange of ideas and the opportunity to learn. Keep them cards and letters coming. Thanks to all who have commented.

Yesterday's Gram made reference to Elmer Smith where the correct citation should have been

Elmer E. Wright. The date of his report was also incorrectly reported as 1958. The date was taken from the copy I received, but upon further examination, and a note from Ken Berger, it was determined that Mr. Wright used the stationery/masthead from the Japanese War Notes Claimants Association and entered his copy. Perhaps Ken can furnish us with the correct date.

I would like to conduct a poll on when Gramsters believe World War II actually started. Two choices were given by your Editor and Paul Garner has suggested a third in his letter below. Write in with your opinions and we will tabulate the results in a couple of weeks.

Finally, is Thurski back? I hope so and I'll bet a lot of you hope so too. Anyway, I agree with his conclusions - it was a very informative and well written article.

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Dear Editor

Regarding Gram 1655, this is a very interesting discussion of stamps and overwhelming. I, for one, had not thought through the potential scope of the effort. One statement really caught my eye - the beginning date for WWII. I have been pondering that in the context of what constitutes a war bond. I submit to you that WWII started with the .Mukden Incident of 18 September 1931. This is known in Japanese as the Manchurian Incident. A section of railway owned by Japan's South Manchuria Railway was dynamited. The Imperial Japanese Army accused the Chinese of the act and this became the pretext for the invasion of Manchuria. The Japanese occupation of Manchuria was certainly an act of war, although international response and large scale combat did not start until 1937. Warner Talso

Dear Editor,

There are not too many stamps that I would put in the next issue. One group that deserves to be in the book would be the propaganda set prepared by the same Jewish forgers in Sachsenhausen that did the British Bernhard notes. There are two commemorative stamps and six definitives. There are also close to 200 overprints, but I don't think you need list them all. I just mention them in my propaganda stamp

article. The American forgers that were counterfeiting Japanese occupation currency also counterfeited a Japanese Togo stamp and perhaps I would add that. If the book shows the four 50pf German military notes produced by the British, then you can add some of the British stamps forged by the SOE. There are about a dozen in all but if you kept it to just those that parodied Germany, you are down to less than a half dozen. The British also parodied a French note so you could justify adding some of the forged French stamps they did. The American OSS counterfeited two and parodied one German stamp so you could add those too. I am only discussing black propaganda stamps, not common legal issues.

Herb Friedman

Dear Editor,

With respect to Ray's letter regarding the Culion notes, I have one problem. Most of the notes that appeared three years ago came out of the Philippines & were initially being sold by the same shady individual who was selling the other questionable notes (MiHon overprint, KKK, & Palawan). Ken

Dear Editor,

If anyone has Culion reproductions that originated in the PI, and has no recourse to the original seller, I will take them for a modest consideration. Joe

Dear Editor,

I suggest that the starting date of WW2 was when The Treaty of Versailles was signed at the Palace of Versailles in 1919. Now, if you were to rephrase the question, the shooting war started with the invasion of China by Japan in the early 1930's..

Paul Garner

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War Bond Musings  
by Mark Sparky Watson

A month or so ago, a few Gramsters exchanged some emails about a few lots of U.S. War Savings bonds sold on eBay, with one Gramster commenting that this would make a good Gram article. Though not directly in line with the email topic, below are my observations of war bonds and war savings certificates from various countries I have seen appear on eBay. Before getting to the article though, I need to establish some boundaries.

First, the countries I mention are the ones that I follow. A lack of a country does not mean that those bonds are rare, only that I don't track that area. Germany is a good example of this, and I know some fellow Gramsters who are better suited to provide that insight. Also, this is only about the availability of the bond, and not the current market (aka price) of a bond. Additionally, unless it is something I'm particularly interested in, I don't provide much insight into the varieties. For example, I have lumped all of the Canadian \$5 War Savings certificates into one pile, and not by individual Schwan-Boling (SB) number. Regarding terminology I use for the availability, I have used a broad paintbrush. If I say something is rare or rarely seen, then that means I've probably seen it once in the last five years or so, if that. Something scarce, I've seen in the past year. Frequent means I see it once every three or four months, and common means monthly. Finally, the relationship between the actual rarity of a bond and the number of times it has appeared on eBay has only a casual relationship, and one should use the information below lightly. As always, like any opinion, your mileage may vary.

Australia:

While the 1 Pound certificates are common, the rest are scarce to rare. A few years back there was a hoard of 50 Pound certificates sold, but I haven't seen anything recently. This is a good example of the limit to

this information as I know of one auction firm in Australia that lists these in their catalog more often than I see them on eBay.

Canada: The \$5 certificates are common, and even the \$10 certificates, which a few years ago seemed to be rare, are seen frequently. However, the higher denominations and the coupon bonds are rare. I remember seeing a specimen coupon bond sold about a year ago, and a \$25 certificate was recently sold on ebay with the winning bidder being a Gramster.

China: The \$5 to \$100 Liberty bonds are common, the \$1000 being rare. Depending on the year and denomination, the Military Supply coupon loans are seen frequently. Same with the lower denomination Patriotic Aviation bonds. The Sinkiang Province bonds are scarce to rare, though a small group was sold a few years ago for all the denominations. I dont follow the Thrift and Reconstruction Savings bond, though I have seen them now and then.

Japan: There are a few regular sellers of this material on eBay, so most types are seen to some degree or another. The Hypothec Bank issues are common though I have not seen all releases. As a side note, the bonds with military vignettes the battle flag design in particular attract more interest than the plainer releases, for obvious reasons. Some small hordes have been released to include the 30 Yen battle flag design and both releases of 15 Yen Reconstruction Savings bond. However, the 7.5 Yen Reconstruction Savings bond remains rare; Ive never seen it listed on eBay. Many of the coupon bonds released by the Finance Ministry are scarce though the coupon bonds in general are seen frequently. The military themed Greater East Asia War Discounted Treasury bonds, all denominations, are common with only the later release numbers not being seen.

Mongolia (free): These are rare. One other Gramster and myself purchased some from the same source a few years back if I recall correctly, and other than that horde, I dont remember seeing them except when I sold some two duplicates a few months back.

Palestine: One dealer has all three of the savings bonds up for sale on Buy It Now. I bought my set from him for \$100, and he promptly put another set of three up for sale so Im assuming these are frequently seen, though the first release is a little scarcer. Another side note: one bond from the second release recently went for over \$500 due to a bidding war between two new eBayers who just had to have it.

Soviet Union: Other than the 500 ruble denomination, which is rare for any year except maybe 1946, most of these are common are at least seen frequently, with the 1945 and 1946 bonds seen the most. Many of the 1942 bonds are scarce except for the 10 ruble bond which is common. Also, some of the earlier issues (1939 1941) are scarce. Im not sure if that is a true indication of their availability or if they just arent offered that much on eBay due to their plain design.

United States: Series F and G bonds are rare, if non-existent I envy another Gramsters set of these. For the Series E bonds, denominations greater than \$100 are rare. For the other denominations in the Series E type, availability differs. The \$10 is seen frequently though thats an

average over time. About two years ago, a horde of these hit the market, and for the most part, satisfied a lot of the demand. The \$25 denomination is common, though the Defense Savings type is a little harder to find. For the \$50 and \$100, the Defense Series type is scarce to rare, though I myself came across a horde that I've pretty much disbursed. The \$50 and \$100 War Bonds are seen frequently in small size, the larger size being scarcer.

Korea: Both the Patriotic bonds and the Good Fortune ticket are seen frequently.

India: A couple of years ago, I bought a couple of large lots of postal savings certificates from a seller, so I thought that they were common. Since that time, I have not seen them offered that much, at least not the ones from the World War II period. I don't believe they are rare, but they are scarce, and not in the same quantity that I was able to purchase.

Manchukuo: Overall, only the Certain Victory saving certificates and the Manchou Savings bonds are seen on a regular basis. Most of the coupon bonds are rare.

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There is a certain uniqueness about the Fanning Island notes. Originally used for currency, then cut in two for use as movie tickets. I know of no other note which has been used in that manner. My collection is missing a Fanning issue so I periodically check to see if a note is available. One was a few days ago and I put in what I thought was a reasonable starting bid, based on the pricing in Remembered and was prepared to go higher. What was not expected was the final selling price of the note: \$809.79! Is the note really worth that much, or as Sparky put it in his feature was it a "just had to have it?" With serial number, Remembered values the note at \$250 in fine. The serial number on this note is 1078 and is not one of the serials mentioned in the listing for complete notes. Based on the scan, the note could possibly be fine, and looks to be at least fine. Taking into consideration the 13 years since Remembered was published, the value of the note has increased more than threefold. Take a look - the eBay item number is 380028241108.

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Dear Gram,  
Auctions on miniature notes on eBay are going well. If readers have not checked them out they should click on the Advanced Search on eBay, click on search by items by seller, and type in ksfdaf for seller. The six auctions end on Saturday [May 24th] just after noon EDT. All proceeds go to the Military Numismatics Scholarship Fund. Shipping costs will be

combined if a bidder wins more than 1 auction. Thanks go to readers who have already bid or plan to bid before auction is over.  
Dan

Dear Editor,

I just received an email from Spinks in London for their June 19-20 auction of world banknotes. After I went to the sale, I discovered most of the lots are missing the country name and have only the bank of issue, and some with only an incomplete bank of issue, so their search does not work for all of the notes you will be looking for. This is very sloppy cataloging and I sent them an email about it. So I browsed the entire online catalog at <http://www.spink.com/asp/search.asp?st=U> and found some wartime items to include Jersey at lots 830-834; Tripolitania at lot 869; and MPC at lots 1393-1397. There are more but this is all I wrote down during my browsing. Good luck finding your wants and needs.  
The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Gram and Ken,

Saw your note in the MPCGram #1658. I notes I bought several years ago did not come from the questionable dealer you had mentioned earlier. I admit I can't prove he wasn't the source but C.M. Nielsen and I looked carefully at these notes, Serial Numbers, how they fit into sheets, etc and could not see any fake notes. Most were aged as we expected them to be. Also, I now have Nielsen's collection in which he obtained his CLC notes in the 40's, 50's, and 60's. I don't see any difference from the hoard. If you know any specifics, I would be interested.

I agree the KKK and Palawan notes I saw a couple of years ago were made in recent times.

Ray Czahor

Dear Editor,

The wife and I took a short road trip last week and stumbled on a great find at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Fort Leonard Wood is right off I-44 and hosts 3 Army museums. They are for the Engineer Corps, MP Corps and the Chemical Corps. One major reason for me wanting to see them was that my father was in the Chemical Corps during WWII and I wanted to see some of the items that he talked about at length like the 4.2 mortars. All three museums are housed in separate sections of a brand new building. The displays are outstanding and you get a real feel for what each branch did/does as you walk through the displays. Of the three museums I think the Engineers did the best job. The AAA Guide Book says to allow 1-1/2 hours to see the facility. I spent 2-hours and felt it went too fast. There are gift shops for each of the branch museums and challenge coins are available for purchase. In the Engineering Gift Shop is a display of challenge coins that must total more than 1,000 coins! In my opinion the real gem at Fort Leonard Wood was outside the museum across the road. Fort Leonard Wood was built very quickly during WWII as a basic training center and many of the buildings were still in use when I did a short tour of duty there in 1970. The post has preserved a company area with WWII buildings and restored the inside of the buildings

to show what the troops saw and did. There are barracks, mess hall, chapel, commanders quarters, orderly room and day rooms available to walk through. My wife was in shock when I showed her the bathroom in the barracks that served 81 men. Inside were 6 sinks (about 4-inches apart), 5 toilets, a urinal and a shower room with 4 heads. We spent about another 1-1/2 hours walking though this area.

Attached are 3 photos that I took. One is of the restored barracks, one inside the barracks and one of the displays from the Chemical Corps museums. It has been many years since Ive been to the Army museum at Fort Lee , VA home of the Quartermaster Corps but I think Fort Leonard Woods museums are better done. If you travel in the vicinity of any military bases you might find it worth your while to see if they house any museums.

John Watta [John's photos were sent to the website and should be posted there - Ed.]

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TWIRR#5

by Fred Schwan

The past week has been a little slow regarding Rem2 research and work. Not that I did not do anything, but



mostly I was tied up in many other things including a non numismatic trip this weekend.

Ski is absolutely correct about the spectacular article in Paper Money about Hawaii and North Africa notes by Pete Huntoon. Pete has been a friend of mine, of Remembered, and of the Gram for a long time. I am pleased to tell you that Pete agreed quite a while ago to do that section for Remembered. Indeed, he finished it long ago and has been looking forward to having the new Remembered.

The article Thursday on currency control books by Jim Downey was another great one. I do not know if I can keep up just posting Gram material in Remembered.

I had a nice chat with Harold Kroll a few days ago. We talked mostly about the Reich lottery tickets. He has done a great job collecting these. He, Wendell, and Ski have done a lot of work here. This is another area where looking at the listings in Remembered 1 almost embarrasses. They are very inadequate in the light of what we know (even though there is still much that we do not know). I have to keep remembering that when remembered came out in 95, these were innovative and new listings.

Have I told you anything about my new interest in trench art? Trench art items are souvenirs made during a war. Usually trench art is made from war materials like shell cases, bomb/artillery fragmentation. Probably the high water mark (and source of the name) were during World War I. Nevertheless, such items by whatever name were created in conflicts before and since WWI.

One of the things that I have learned or realized is that most trench art (and certainly the best quality) is made by craftsmen rather than by individual soldiers.

One of the ironies of my interest is how it happened. First, I have known about trench art and even liked it (like everything else) for a long time, but just have not pursued it.

As you might recall Judy, the boss, collects love tokens. Basically, she picked up the interest while following me around coin shows. Well, in recent years while helping her shop for love tokens, I have found some nice WWII trench art coins. Now I collect these items so we have sort of a circle situation.

You can also be sure that I am working trench art coins into Remembered. Are there any trench art collectors out there? We would like to hear from you. There is also a slight chance that I will have an exhibit of these items at the Baltimore ANA convention. If I do not get it done for there, I will certainly have it (the exhibit) next year in California. Actually, if I do not get it ready for

California, I will probably try it in a few smaller shows before taking it to the ANA next year

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EDITORIAL

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Happy Memorial Day.

This is one Holiday when the Nation seems to be united in remembering our lost servicemen and women. Thank you to them all.

The May 25th edition of the E-Sylum features an article on World War II Allied Propaganda Notes written by SGM Herbert S. Friedman (Ret). The article is in-depth and details, with color images, various propaganda issues in the form of banknotes that were used by the Allies during the war. The history of the individual issues is discussed and translations are given for "notes" in languages other than English. It is well worth the read and makes excellent reference material.

Go to [http://www.psywarrior.com/WWIIAllied Banknotes.html](http://www.psywarrior.com/WWIIAlliedBanknotes.html) to read the article.

TWIRR #5 was supposed to go in Friday's Gram, but that issue had already been written with Sparky's bond article, so I decided to run Fred's feature today.

Tomorrow we will run part two of Jim Downey's Currency Control feature.

Here are the links for John Watta's photographs of Fort Leonard:

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Dear Gram,

An article appeared in the St. Louis Post Dispatch today May 25, 2008 titled Little-Known Cemeteries from World Wars are Eye-Openers. It talks about American Memorials and Cemeteries from all over the world. I visited one last year in Valkenberg while at the Maastricht paper money show. I thought the article was very interesting, especially since tomorrow [today] is Memorial day. It also mentions a site called the American Battle Monuments Commission at [www.abmc.gov](http://www.abmc.gov) that was very informative. The link to anyone that would like to read the article is

<http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/lifestyle/stories.nsf/travel/story/5AF99D832D99882A862574500070EAAC?OpenDocument>. May God bless those that serve and those that have fallen on this Memorial Day.  
Dave Frank

Dear Editor,

A couple of points from down under, firstly Sparkys mentioning of Australian war bonds, or (Savings Certificates as they were called) These are harder to get in the higher denominations, however I would not call them rare, I know of 1 dealer in particular who has one of the complete series for sale, and they come up semi regularly at auction. However as regards the Fanning note, these I would consider rare, and \$900 US is not out of the question for a complete uncut note, I have heard estimates of around 30 in existence. The last I saw auctioned would have been about 1 year ago and an UNC note went for approx \$1500 Aus.

Compare that to a Hay 6d Note which my database now lists 103 serial numbers that exist & you would be lucky to pick this up for under \$8,000 in an average condition! Makes the Fanning note look good value.

Regards

Nik Sharplin

PS. Thanks to Fred & Joe into brainwashing me on paper, It was so much easier (& less fun) when I just collected POW Tokens!

Hello,

I am an active collector of JIM notes and received a copy of the MPC Gram from a friend, would it be possible to have my name added to the list to receive it? Thank you,

Bob Papagno.

[Dear Bob, Welcome, your subscription has been entered - Ed.]

Dear Gram,

Ray Czahor's letter points out that his Culion notes were purchased back in the 40s, 50s, & 60s & show appropriate signs of aging. If the provenance of any guerrilla notes can be traced back to an earlier time (especially pre-eBay), such as his notes, then I would agree that they are undoubtedly genuine. However, notes obtained more recently, especially from eBay, must be suspect. This is true because a large number of them came from one individual in the Philippines and that individual has already been connected with the fake KKK, Palawan, & Mi Hon overprint notes. Also, it should be remembered, that Ray is a well-respected & knowledgeable expert on such notes and has been dealing with such notes for many many years. Most eBay sellers are not experts on these notes and seem to have suddenly "appeared out of the woodwork." As the old adage goes, "know who you are buying from".

Ken Berger

Dear Editor,

I received the info from Elmer Wright between October 1984 & February 1985. He used to advertise in one of the numismatic papers

Ken Berger

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Currency Control,

by Jim Downey

Part Two

In February [1946] the War Department announced to the Theater that the Treasury was recommending the introduction of a military scrip. The plan, as then announced, included the most important feature of the final scrip system, namely that the scrip, which would be issued as pay accepted at all Army installations, could be changed into local currency but could not be obtained in exchange for local currency under any circumstances. The Theater Fiscal Director's Office had independently tot he conclusion that introduction of scrip was desirable. Although the Office of Military Government opposed the plan, a message was sent in early April to the War

Department to the effect that the Theater recommended the use of scrip. A conference held in Washington on 22 April 1946 finally decided in favor of this form of money.

In May [1946] the authorities in the British Zone announced the forthcoming introduction of a similar system. This led to rumors of like action in the United States Zone and also a clear view of one of the problems that would be involved, one concerning persons in the zone not paid from United States official sources. Either introduction of scrip must be announced in advance, or such people must be given time to get dollar currency to exchange for scrip. To meet this problem, the inoperative circular that had been issued in April was reissued, with an extra paragraph directing all such persons to arrange for dollar backing of their marks by 1 August. International agreements securing this backing were almost complete by that date. Meanwhile, the War Department felt that too much money was getting out of the Theater through the unrestricted sale of postage stamps, and a circular was issued regulating this. Just before the actual introduction

of scrip, all Currency Control Books were inspected and any holdings in them not backed by actual holdings of currency were canceled in the column showing balance.

In Japan an experiment was being carried out to test the reaction of the soldier to a non-reconvertible foreign currency. A type of military yen which had never gone into use was introduced in military installations, and issued as pay, and ordinary yen could no longer be converted into this or spent in messes or post exchanges. At the same time the scrip itself was being printed in the United States. The Theater was alarmed at the delay that the experiment would entail, but was reassured by news that it would be possible to introduce scrip by 15 September. The extra time, it was claimed, would be well spent on making the scrip as good and forgery-proof as possible.

On 12 September 1946 the TOP SECRET classification on the proposed date of the scheme was lifted, and the next day, under the protection of a moratorium which closed all official installations for three days, conversion began.

There was little informed hostile criticism of the scheme. In Germany it was accepted with sorrowful resignation, and in France, where there was something to spend black-market profits on, with comparative calm. The total amount handed in for exchange was eventually estimated at about \$59,000,000.

In September Theater Headquarters was asking Military Government to issue a law prohibiting the possession by Germans of Military Payment Certificates, but the law was not passed until January 1947. In Berlin a local ordinance to the same effect was opposed in the Allied Kommandatura by the Soviet representative.

The main difference between the British and American scrip system was in the method of their introduction. The British authorities announced their scheme two months ahead, while one of the most important features of the



American scheme was its secrecy. The reason for this lay in the differences in the earlier currency control in the two zones. While the amount that could be exchanged in the United States Zone was limited by the entry in the Currency Control Book, only the amount of the last pay drawn might be exchanged in the British Zone. As this was only one week's pay, it was felt that imposition of so small a limit without warning would be unfair. The only other difference in the systems was that, in certain circumstances, re-exchange from marks into scrip was permitted by the British.

In Berlin District, from the beginning of August to the introduction of scrip, a validating coupon system was in use. The peculiarity of this system was that coupons were not used as a substitute for cash, but were surrendered along with cash. Coupon books were deducted from the Currency Control Book, and if unused might be restored to it. In Munich the same system was used, but with less good results since there were installations near by which were not affected by the system. In Berlin all the United States installations accessible to the whole command were controlled by the parallel action of Berlin District and the Office of Military Government. The disadvantage of this system was that the labor involved in accounting for coupons was almost as great as for cash. In a small area this might not matter, but it was a final argument against introducing the system throughout the Theater.

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EDITORIAL

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To date we have received six different answers to the question of when World War II started. The dates vary from 1919 to 1941 and each date makes an argument for the starting point. We hope to get more opinions on this and encourage readers to submit their thoughts.

Two recent acquisitions will help in determining what stamps should be included in the next edition. The first is a CD, entitled "Deutsche Besatzungs Ausgaben" which is billed as showing images of all German issues from 1939 through 1945. A comparison with the Scott stamp catalog needs to be made. The second is a set of stamps issued by Germany for the occupation of Luxembourg. When they arrive, a comparison to the CD will be made.

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Dear Editor,

When Hitler, Mussolini and the Japanese Top Brass all came to power.....plans were already begun to be put in place  
We cannot just merely look at the first strikes.....the military buildup is the key factor here  
Colin R. Bruce II  
Senior Editor, Numismatic Books

Dear Editor:

In regards to the start of World War II, first I feel we must define the term World War. Is this a situation where the majority (all?) of countries in the world are engaged in armed conflict? If so, the start would be December 7th 1941. If this was the date that an action happened that led to the above, then Manchurian incident in 1931. Or..... You can see that according to the definition, the date will be determined.  
Dean Shelton (a novice at everything)

Dear Editor,

I think that Marshall Foch was correct when he said that "the Treaty of Versailles was not peace at all but only a twenty year truce", then perhaps the World War started in August of 1914 and lasted until August 1945.

Another interesting, and related topic, is just what were the official names of the two world wars fought in the 20th century? Even the US government didn't decide on official names for either war until after they were over. I found the following:

[United States, Department of State, Bulletin (Government Printing Office, Washington, 1945), XIII, 427-428.] 10 September 1945 The President The White House Dear Mr. President: President Wilson, under date of July 31, 1919, addressed a letter to Secretary of War Baker which read, in part, as follows: "It is hard to find a satisfactory 'official' name for the war but the best, I think, that has been suggested is 'The World War,' and I hope that your judgment will concur." Subsequently, under date of Octob

er 7, 1919, War Department General Orders No. 115 directed: "The war against the Central Powers of Europe, in which the United States has taken part, will hereafter be designated in all official communications and publications as 'The World War.' "

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"If this recommendation is approved it is further recommended that the title "World War II" be published in the Federal Register as the official name of the present war. [See 10 Federal Register 1188.]

Respectfully yours,

HENRY L. STIMSON,

Secretary of War

JAMES FORRESTAL,

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TWIRR6

by Fred Schwan

What can you buy for \$94? Well, you could probably find six different CU MPC. If you will take a lower grade, you could get many more. You could have fun either way. Harold has been working on US gasoline coupons in Germany and German lottery tickets. You could certainly get 8 different gasoline tickets for \$94--if you could find them (by the way that last comment about availability might speak to these as sleeper items). I am not sure how many different lottery tickets you could get. I would guess about the same number.

Japanese invasion money? Oh my you could still get plenty of those and even quite a few different ones. Oh yes, if you are just starting you could probably get a World War II Remembered and a Silent Witnesses by holding out for only a slight discount. You could get the fourth edition of The Comprehensive Catalog of Military Payment Certificates AND a Silent Witnesses, pay for shipping and still have enough left to buy your first MPC. The possibilities go on and on.

What is the point? Well, Fester Cuneyd Tolek and I went to Chicago this past weekend to a big event. Not a numismatic event--a chess event. Yes, we played as we usually do in the Chicago Open Chess Tournament. You are guess that we (or I) won \$94 and need advice on spending it, right?

Not even close. We actually did fairly well, but did not make it into the money. Instead on the way home from Chicago we were cruising along about 63 MPH in order to get good MPG (I tried to type MPC both times there since my fingers are wired that way). Some hot new car with some sort of special equipment passed us by.

After a few moments, Cuneyd said to the driver (me): see if you can catch that car, I want to see something or other.

Being the good guy that I am, I accelerated. We crossed a ever so slight rise and I was busted. Yep, \$94 for about 27 seconds above 65 MPH. That is why I fantasize about what we can buy for \$94.

The comments about adding stamps to Remembered made by Roger generated some comments. Here is my favorite. It was written by Joe to someone who had written to him about the topic.

"Fred has rocks in his head - he has NO IDEA how

complex WWII stamps are. I believe he was thinking that the AMG stamps were about all that would be involved. I will try to talk him out of this - at most just putting in a few representative illustrations."

Joe has it about right. No, I did and do not want to try to make Remembered into a serious stamp book. On the other hand, I would love to be able to buy a book: WWII Remembered, history in your hands, a philatelic study. My vision is to include more on stamps as a way of demonstrating the expanse of the war. The Allied military government stamps need to be introduced, Japanese stamps for occupied areas are two important

areas that I would like to at least introduce. I like the Free French stamps in the same ways. Possibly the AMG, JIS and even the FF stamps could get approximately a page each. There are some others too. The stamp editors can work up the ideas. The worst that can happen is that they (the editors) prepare this with some articles for the Gram (a good thing) then we use (or not) the material for the book.

I did have a question today via phone about when Rem2 would be released. I opined that I thought that we would make it in the two thousands. By that I did not mean before 2010, but before 3000.

On another subject, Adolf Witzke sent me a nice photocopy of a note that he found. From the looks of it, the find might well have been from a junk box in that the note is a common Iceland 1942 1 kr (blue). It is unremarkable except that it has an nice butterfly fold. It is very cool.

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In our original discussion about including World War II stamps in the next edition of Remembered, Fred and I did originally discuss Allied Military Government (AMG) stamps as they were issued directly after the war and were part of the occupation just as MPC was. The issues are relatively uncomplicated and not great rarities and their inclusion in the next edition, with explanation and pictures would take up no more than three of four pages. We also talked about various other occupation issues and realized we might be getting a little carried away. The book is about numismatic issues but it does make reference to certain AMG issues and War Savings Issues. The idea is to expand on these somewhat, without "creating a monster". I've had a recent conversation with Joe on this issue and we seem to be on the same page (pardon the pun). In addition to choosing a starting date, we need to come up with parameters on what issues we want to include an



d how much information and how many illustrations we want to use. Input from those who will buy the next edition is needed. There is also the possibility of creating a separate volume as Fred alludes to above, but that sounds like a monumental project. We will put together a listing of the AMG issues and put some illustrations on the website.

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Dear Gram

In a message dated 5/26/2008 12:59:49 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, fujita@msu.edu writes:

MPCGram 1652 states you guys are going to list stamps in the next edition of WWIIR...

If true, you need to get a hold of volume 3 (yes Three) of the Japan Specialized Stamp Catalog. This volume is the hardest one to get as it is carried only by a limited number of stores, but should be orderable through

JPS. It lists Okinawa, Manchukuo, Japanese occupied China and the southern

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gions with considerable detail on varieties. I can help, but the Japanese occupation issues are a nightmare.

KAZ

[This is the letter referred to in the feature -Ed.]

Dear Editor,

I have read with interest the ideas about when WWII started. I think that this was a good discussion that you started. Of course the relevance to our numismatic studies is that since we are studying numismatic items of the war, we need to know when the war was. I could (and probably will in my column) carry on about all of this. For today I am writing because of the wonderful letter in the Gram on this subject. I think that it would be wonderful if HENRY L. STIMSON and JAMES FORRESTAL wrote to the Gram, but I doubt it. The work looked like that of David Klinger, but I would like to know for sure and also am sure that other readers would like to know!

Fred

[Had Messrs Stimson, Forrestal and President Truman been alive, I am certain they would have written to the Gram. Fred is correct, the letter was from David Klinger - Ed.]

Dear Gram,

I received the 14th edition of the Standard Catalog of World Paper Money Modern Issues 1961-present and POGs are listed on pages 987-998. The numbers run from M121-M435. Issues 1-10 are listed so it is up to date. The with and without overprint POGs are listed as varieties a and b

so there are more then 315 in a full set as the numbers lead you to believe. British POGs are not yet listed. Bill Myers

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Dear Gram,

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My best!

Larry Schuffman <http://www.lkcaworldpapermoney.com/Default.Asp>

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Currency Controls,  
by Jim Downey

My last two columns recounted the use of currency control books by US military personnel during the occupation of Germany . Currency control books were used at one other time during the occupation.

The Joint Export Import Agency (JEIA) controlled foreign trade in the three western occupation zones. Foreign businessmen in these zones were authorized to use the respective military currency in each zone. In the US zone, they were also authorized to use JEIA Travelers Coupons in

certain JEIA-licensed facilities. They were not authorized to use German marks on the economy for everyday expenses.

The restrictions on the use of DM by foreign businessmen were lifted on June 21, 1949. From that point on, businessmen in the Western occupation zone were authorized to use German marks.

After June 20, 1949, foreign business travelers were issued currency control books along with their DM. The books were printed in English, French and German and explained the currency regulations. The traveler was required to declare all currency and currency instruments in his possession at the time of entry and record them in the currency control books.

DM could be purchased only with US dollars, Swiss francs, Dutch guilders, Belgian francs and English pounds. All exchange transactions were recorded in the books. The books were inspected by German customs upon departure from the country.

The JEIA licensing of hotels and other establishments ended at this time also. As a consequence, the JEIA Travelers Coupons were no longer necessary. Unused coupons were redeemable for DM only and could not be converted into foreign currencies. Conversion of JEIA Travelers Coupons was also recorded in the currency control books.

The purchase of gasoline and oil coupons which had also been handled by JEIA was transferred to foreign trade banks. These transactions were also recordable in the currency control books. The travelers ration of gasoline was 200 liters per week. The price of gasoline was \$.12 per liter.

The use of US military facilities (and the use of MPC) by business travelers was ended on July 1, 1949.

The currency restrictions and the use of these currency control books were withdrawn in early 1950.

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EDITORIAL

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Recently received from Ken Berger was another copy of Elmer Wright's information on JIM over-stamped notes. Wright listed quite a number of over-stamped notes for sale and it's unfortunate that the lists are from 1985. Where the notes are are any body's guess. In this second listing, Wright again lists, by types, the number of different counter-stamps he had observed along with photocopies of each. I tried to scan them into my computer in order to post them to the website but had little success as they are old copies and very dark. I did not get much contrast. I'll work on that, or I should say, I'll have my daughter work on that to see if we can get it done. In the meantime, the list below is taken from Wright's listing. No note was priced over three dollars and are listed by type and by the ink colors of purple, blue and black.

Type 1 oval 60x37mm "COMPILED by"  
Type 1a oval 60x37mm "COMPILED by"  
Type 1b oval 60x37mm "COMPILED by"

Type1c oval 60x37mm "COMPILED by"  
Type 2 oval 60x37mm "COMPILED by"  
Type 2a oval 60x37mm "COMPILED" - "by" missing, only 2 mounting spots (?)  
show  
Type 3 oval 60x40mm "COMPILED by"  
Type 4 oval 75x47mm "COMPILED by"  
Type 5 oval 75x47mm "COMPILED" - "by" missing  
Type 6 oval 50x35mm "RECEIVED BY..." with signature  
Type 7 oval 75x40mm "RECEIVED BY..." with signature  
Type 8 round 40mm - a rare type.  
The only difference I can see among the four notes of Type 1 is the size  
of the word "by".

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Dear Editor,

The auction of several fest notes on eBay was a resounding success. After subtracting eBay fees, \$420.51 was raised for the Military Numismatics Scholarship Fund. A big thanks to all the under bidders who forced the winning bidders to bid higher. A big thank you also goes to the winning bidders who were Mark Watson, Roger Urce, Al Glaser, Jack Hobbs, and Ed Frey. Also thanks go to Jim Downey for designing and printing the Chicago Fest notes, Neil Shafer for bringing the notes to the Chicago Fests, and to Joe Boling for furnishing the left over Milwaukee ANA banquet notes. Another \$40 was raised by 8 additional readers getting one of the Chicago bond blast souvenir cards.

I would encourage anyone holding a minifest to send me 2 - 4 sets if they have any sets leftover and I will do all the work of putting them in an eBay auction to raise additional money for the scholarship fund. Mail leftover minifest sets to Dan Freeland, POBox 195, Mayville, MI 48744.

Thanks,  
Dan Freeland

Dear Editor,

When I sent my letter concerning the official names of the two world wars of the 20th century I meant to include the comment that after World War II the common usage for a name for the first war became World War I. However, I found no official change to these US official names: The World War and World War II. Trivia, I know, but fun.  
Dave Klinger

Dear Editor,

Somewhere I saw an ad for old radio broadcasts and looked at it at [www.TheHistoricalArchives.com](http://www.TheHistoricalArchives.com). There was a CD for Armed Forces Vietnam Old Time Radio Collection. I sent away for it and it arrived last week. I tried to play it on my Honda CD player and it would not work. When I read the back, the instructions have it playing only on your PC DVD/CD player! There is a large menu that comes out on the right of the screen with 25+ broadcasts. One of them has C-Day Conversion (for Series 681). I tried to

take that one file off the CD but was unsuccessful but I will have my PC guru try it later because I just want it and a couple of other broadcasts like Good Morning, Vietnam to play on my PC when I am remembering my days in Vietnam.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Gram,

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Joe Boling

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Malmedy and Currency,

by Roger Urce

On December 17th, 1944 at the start of the Battle of the Bulge, eighty-two American servicemen who had surrendered were shot and killed by their German captors. The incident, known as the Malmedy Massacre, occurred a few miles southeast of the Belgian village of Malmedy at an intersection known as the Baugnez crossroads. There were thirty-nine survivors and some local residents who bore witness to the events of that day. Approximately one month later, on January 13th, 1945, allied forces were able to partially secure the area of the massacre and began the grim task of recovering the dead. All of the remains were given post-mortem examinations to determine the cause of death. As part of this process the belongings of the victims were inventoried. A sampling of the currency found

on five of the servicemen follows:

Three servicemen were in possession of German marks, fifty-five, one hundred one, and 1 and 1/2 marks respectively, while two others were found to have Belgian francs, and one was found to have five French francs along with some unidentified coins. Three of the five had their pay books. Two soldiers also had US currency. The first was found to have a two dollar bill and a ten dollar bill, while another had only a single dollar bill. The possession of the different types of currency asks some interesting questions.

Since they were in Belgium the fact that some were in possession of Belgian francs is not surprising.

Can we speculate the Belgian money to have been the 1944 francs-belgas issues with portraits of King Albert and Queen Elisabeth or were they the more common 1938, 1939 or 1941 issues?

The French francs and German marks were almost certainly Allied Military Currency the francs having been issued just prior to D-Day and the marks issued in September of 1944 at which time Allied Forces had entered Germany and were engaged in the area near Aachen, Germany and in the Hurtgen Forest. Was the two dollar bill brought over from the States and kept as a "lucky piece"? Were the Belgian francs and the fifty-five and one-hundred-one mark poker winnings; could the ten dollar bill have been a yellow seal kept from the North Africa or Italian campaign? The personal effects were returned to the families of the deceased. As an aside, a number of the eighty-two victims are interred in Henri-Chapelle Cemetery which is located in Belgium not far from and south of Maastricht.

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The type list of Japanese War Claimants stamps is being re-run to insure they printed out correctly and to clarify the differences in the stamps identified as Type 1a, 1b and 1c. As Ken Berger points out, and as I saw but did not expressly say, there is a difference in the font for the word "by". This is in addition to the size of the word which makes

up the different sub-types. Ken also commented on some extra characters which my copy of the Gram did not have. If anyone else experienced this problem please let me know.

Dear Editor,

Look at the letters b and y in the word by. Some of the b's and y's seem to be in a different font (e.g. w/ & w/o a serif). Also, the GRAM had a lot of extraneous characters in it, (a capital A with a tilde on top) making all the articles difficult to read. This was especially true for the one about the JIM because you were trying to describe fine differences between them & the extraneous characters confused it. You may want to try running it again.

Ken Berger

Type 1 oval 60x37mm "COMPILED by"

Type 1a oval 60x37mm "COMPILED by"

Type 1b oval 60x37mm "COMPILED by"

Type 1c oval 60x37mm "COMPILED by"

Type 2 oval 60x37mm

"COMPILED by"

Type 2a oval 60x37mm "COMPILED" - "by" missing, only 2 mounting spots (?) show

Type 3 oval 60x40mm "COMPILED by"

Type 4 oval 75x47mm "COMPILED by"

Type 5 oval 75x47mm "COMPILED" - "by" missing

Type 6 oval 50x35mm "RECEIVED BY..." with signature

Type 7 oval 75x40mm "RECEIVED BY..." with signature

Type 8 round 40mm - a rare type.

The only difference I can see among the four notes of Type 1 is the size of the word "by".

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Dear Editor,

I am not trying to promote smoking but I just ran across two WWII packs of cigarettes and cigars with original import customs certificate from Great Britain in Nielsen's stuff. One package is called "Amateur Sigaretten", a German brand based on the writing on the back. The other is a loose pack of tobacco with a seal that shows it is from the Netherlands with faint writing on the back but brand is called "Shag/Amateur Staeak". Finally there are three rolled cigars about 4-5 inches long but no writing. On the Great Britain Customs Declaration it says: "Cigarettes, shag tobacco, cigars of wartime manufacture (1939-1945)." Came from a R.G. Auckland, 60 High Street, Sandridge, St Albans. Obviously not my collecting interest. Anyone interested please contact me.

Ray Czahor

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Dear Gram

Don't know if it has been mentioned yet...but just received word from a friend in Iraq that pogs are no longer being issued or used due to counterfeiting and black market [activities].  
Dean Shelton

Dear Gram,

Just received the program for the US Open at Torrey Pines and thought the Fest golfers would be interested in a two page spread showing a bunch of WWII soldiers. The caption; "Hats off to the military! Before Torrey Pines was a golf facility, it was a World War II training area called Camp Callan, the U.S. Army having leased 750 acres of Torrey Pines Mesa from the City of San Diego. Fifteen years later, some 100 acres of the then defunct camp were set aside for golf. The rest you could call US Open History."  
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by Fred Schwan

Today is one of those really important anniversaries. D-Day. Yes, 64 years ago today Allied forces stormed ashore on Normandy beaches. The magnitude of this undertaking boggles my mind. The courage demonstrated by so many thousands of people that day staggers and humbles me. Then of course my mind (such as it is) turns to the money in the pockets of the invaders--AM francs. Arguably, this is also the issue date of the notes. The military personnel were paid a few days before and certainly used the notes in poker games etc., but the 6th of June is the first day on which they could trade in open commerce, though I think very few did.

I was careful above to say that military personnel went ashore. Even that might not be quite inclusive enough. I suspect that at least a few civilian newsmen went ashore on D-day. What I was really avoiding was the issue of men and women. Until recently, I have believed that the force was 100% men. Certainly it was at least nearly so, but were there ANY women? I suspect that at least a few female nurses made it ashore on that day. Does anyone know for sure? Within a few days, I am sure that many nurses, other Red Cross workers, and other categories of women that I am not thinking of went ashore. But what about D-Day?

Remembered work is being pushed back as the summer seminar is starting to loom. As much as I like the seminar and am looking forward to it, I am saddened by the fact that for the second (third?) year it is a direct conflict with the Memphis paper money show. Once again I must miss Memphis to attend the seminar. It just does not seem that it has to be that way.

I have to move into a personal matter. That is one of the privileges of being a columnist. I have promoted that privilege many times in trying to recruit columnists. Another annual conflict is that I miss the Boss's birthday when attending the summer seminar. Well, this year is special. It is one of those threshold birthdays for Judy. She is 39 so to speak. I cannot say the number for fear of retribution. Let me say that here birthday, June 24, is the big cardinal birthday before one qualifies for Social Security. Judy's sister, Karen, is going to have a special birthday part for Judy. We are asking her friends, acquaintances, fans, and most anyone else to send her a birthday card. Send the cards to Karen

(Davidson, 704 Two Bear Road, Pagosa Springs CO 81147) and she will give them to Judy on the big day. I will mention this a few more times.

David Seelye was here last week. We had a pleasant time swapping stories and notes too. He brought some notes to show me. A few were for sale. Most were just to torment me. He has a nice collection of WWII propaganda leaflets. In particular he has a collection

of messages on facsimile United States Federal Reserve Notes. We had listings for these in Remembered 1, but David has found some new ones. Here is the listing that I revised for Remembered 2 based on David's collection. Here is the revised listing.

410 10 with Arabic text on

back of 1934 \$10 FRN

(SN F05934811A)

- a. 7 lines of Arabic text
- b. 9 lines and T/5/E code
- c. 10 lines of Arabic text

I particularly like the b variety because in addition to the Arabic text on the back it has the propagators code (just made up the term). I like the code because it makes it easier for us to identify the leaflet, but also that was the reason that the code was put there in the first place. Additionally, it adds a little mystery to figure out what the T/5/E means. There is the tantalizing possibility that it indicates that there are five versions of the notes with the Arabic on the back.

The matter of where to list such propaganda notes is an interesting question and one of not inconsiderable discussion by Joe and me in 1995. Now is the time to bring you into that discussion. There are several obvious possibilities: issuer, place of use, target audience, and, finally, country of copied note. The overall philosophy for Remembered was to list items by issuer. In the case of leaflets, that would mean by the nation that created it. Not only is that not always clear, in many cases it would make it very difficult for a book user to find the listings without substantial knowledge thus undermining the purpose. That is why we made the decision that we did.

The best enhancement that I can think of might be to put cross references (with images) in the other logical places. For example, the US notes (copies) with Italian text could be crossed in Italy. I do not know off hand where we could put a useful cross reference for the US notes with Arabic text. Nonetheless, the concept seems valid.

I liked Rogers story about the murdered POWs and the money found in their pockets. I am not as certain as Roger that the marks would have been AM marks (rather than Reichmarks). I assume that there is no way that we can ever find out for sure. Those are the best kinds of discussion because we can speculate without the prospect of being absolutely proven wrong. First, I think that those POWs were from Stalag Luft III (but I am not sure and did not try to look it up). If that is the case many of them had been prisoners since before AM marks were even issued. Even after the AM marks were issued, it is not likely that they circulated in Germany controlled areas. Finally, it brings up the tantalizing question about the source of the marks. Is it possible that they came from aviator escape kits? We have always heard rumors of such kits with paper money, but I have never seen such a kit or even any good evidence of same. Assuming that the marks came from such a kit, they almost certainly would have been RM rather than AM mark. Why?

David also brought along (at my request) some taxi tickets for study. I am glad that I did. He has some cool stuff in this area. Because of some of these tickets that David had, I called Ski and found that he too had some that I did not know about. Subsequently, he (Ski) sent me some scans. I had intended to delve into those in this column, but the hour has gotten away from me so I will save that for next week.

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The prisoners murdered by the SS at Malmedy were members of the 285th Field Artillery Observation Battalion, the 200th Field Artillery Regiment, the 32nd Armored Regiment, 546th Ambulance Company and the 86th Engineering Battalion who were en route to Luxembourg. The two convoys met by fate at the Baugnez crossroads. None of the victims were POW's prior to the incident and none were from Stalag Luft III. There is, however, a link between the victims of Malmedy and fifty POW's from Stalag Luft III. On March 24th, 1944, prior to the Malmedy Massacre, seventy-six Allied officers (airmen) escaped from Stalag Luft III in Poland through a series of tunnels. In an effort to aid their escape, the prisoners created false documents and made civilian clothing and no doubt had currency, most likely from various issuers, to pay bribes and to pay for whatever expenses they might incur, such as train tickets. Some of this currency may well have been part of aviator escape kits. This would make sense since we know of aviator escape kits being used in the Pacific Theater. I also recall, and

can't remember the source, that some Allied airmen carried gold coins to be used in the event they were shot down or forced to land in enemy territory. This is

the group I believe Fred is referring to in his feature. Very few of the escapees made it to freedom and fifty were captured and, after interrogation, were grouped together and murdered by the Germans. An account of this escape is reported in a book entitled "The Great Escape from Stalag Luft III" by Tim Carroll. For you WWII movie buffs, like myself, it is also the subject of a motion picture (1963) with a great cast of characters and is well worth watching.

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Dear Editor,

I recently bought on eBay some notes from an apparently unknowledgeable seller, but in holders from an obviously professional dealer. It occurs to me that these may be stolen. Can anyone identify the following notes as formerly their property?

AMC, 10 yen A, Unc, cost code OLR/NDSP

AMC, 5 yen A, Unc, cost code SFLA/

CRN

Japan, 10,000 yen P94b, Unc with an ink spot removed from upper face margin (leaving a small thin spot), cost code ALA/GTS

The seller had only a few notes, and they were very poorly described. The US Postal Non-Service took fourteen days to get these to me from Nevada in a Priority Mail flat rate mailer (registered), with absolutely no stiffening - the notes, in 5x8 holders, were simply dropped in, leading me to conclude that the seller knows as little about handling notes as about describing them. Joe

Dear Editor:

We have been discussing when WWII started. I have just started reading a book about when the war ended. Endgame, 1945 by David Stafford, is about what happened in Europe after the war was theoretically over. Stafford begins with events on April 20, 1945 (Hitler's birthday). The book was published in 2007.

Nancy Green

[Dear Nancy, I'm sure Gram readers will be interested to know of the financial (numismatic) aspects dealt with in the book.

Perhaps you can give us a report - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

You may want to report on this in the gram. I am looking to buy and trade U. S. Saving Bonds.

6523: The United States of America, Island of PR Bond - eBay (item 230251210541 end time Jun-03-08 12:55:40 PDT) J J Sullivan dadacnt@aol.com.

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WORLD WAR II STAMPS,  
by Ron Waddell

First, let me establish the expertise you will find in this report - consider a new paper money collector taking a copy of the SCWPM and determining which notes were issued because of WWII. (Not what you would call in-depth research). That is basically what I have accomplished so far in determining what stamps were issued because of WWII. I am not a philatelist but have collected some German stamps to go along with collecting German inflation money. After giving a talk on coin collecting to young children at the local library, I was given a set of Scott catalogs (1997) that they had de-referenced. A couple of years ago I worked out some trades of foreign paper money for WWII stamps so my interest was tweaked enough that I decided to go through the Scott catalogs to see what was involved. Found out there are regular issues, semi-postal, airmail, military parcel post, official, newspaper, franchise, occupation (with its own sub-categories), postage due, and other types.

Based on what I've read so far in the Gram, quoting Colin Bruce in Gram 1655, we need a lot of philatelic and psychiatric help (may even need a GPS - wheres Kelantan?). It appears there are many other issues that are

not in Scott (Scott only lists stamps that are legal postage for the issuing country) - unofficial stamps, local issues, souvenir issues, varieties, etc. and I have no idea where to find information on these. Mr. Bruce lists many occupation issues. I believe there are many BMA overprinted stamps but where are they listed? Our local library does have a copy of the new (in color) Scott catalogs and the Specialized catalog but no stamp dealers here. There is a Stamp Club which I plan on contacting, but that's it. It would be great to have a WWII Remembered - Stamp Edition.

Another problem is determining which stamps were issued because of WWII and not just used during WWII. I just picked out the ones that were obvious issues, such as occupation issues (AMG, Bohemia & Moravia, Vichy France, etc) but also included ones that looked interesting or had some ties to WWII. For example, any stamps with Hitler. There are many stamps that were issued with LIBRE FRANCE. Any that had military themes during the war years were easy to pick but there were others that probably could be included, such as those referencing the Red Cross, that I didn't list unless they were obviously related to the war. There are also later commemorative issues (50th anniversary) that could be included. For my own preference, I identified some, if I saw them, but didn't look at later years for all countries to see what was issued. There are the four stamps that were issued with FDR after his death - not issued because of the war but a key figure. Scott's Specialized Catalog included propaganda postcards and envelopes. So if you are going to collect the stamps, you will have to develop your own guidelines (until WWII Remembered - Stamp Edition is printed).

There appears to be a lot to learn about the condition, grading and values of stamps. The basics appear to be unused (mint), used, or unused but hinged (extent of my knowledge). After that it gets as bad as numismatics - there are all kinds of factors affecting the grading or condition of the stamp. The lowest catalog value is about 15 cents, which means the stamp isn't worth anything. Many older, unused stamps sell for less than face value, even though they are still usable as postage (would you want to pay 42 cents for 14 three-cent stamps, which you have to lick, versus one 42-cent self-adhesive stamp). I'm developing my own album for the stamps and so far the experience has been very enjoyable. I've yet to go to a stamp shop, so not sure what to expect but looking forward to adding some more of these small, colorful mementos to my WWII collection.

Here is a summary of what I've come up with, but I'm afraid it's only scratching the surface. Hopefully it will give you some idea of what you are getting into. The first four countries have descriptions to give you some idea of the types of stamps included, the remaining countries just list the number of stamps I consider relevant with some general comments.

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Ron has done some yeoman work in compiling a listing of WW II related stamps. It took quite a bit of time to go through the six volumes and select the stamps. His summary is over two full pages long and I will wait to reproduce it in the Gram until Ron and I can discuss what we think the criterion should be. We will also solicit input for the next edition of Remembered. If anyone wishes the list in its current form, let me know and I'll email a copy to an individual address. On a related note, I was able to get a CD which lists/displays German World War II stamps (1939-1945) entitled "Deutsche Besetzungsausgaben" (Fred, can you translate this? I figured out the Deutsche part.) There are two interesting types one with the fuhrer and one with von Hindenburg. Each has overprints for the country/area occupied. Just for grins, let me report what I believe to be a first in Gram history. Yesterday I received TWIRR8, which is to run on Friday, June 13th, from our Battalion Clerk. I had to give him a call to see if there was an error; there wasn't. Four days early, way to go Fred!

Lastly, has anyone reserved a room for the M2C2 meeting traditionally held on Saturday at the Memphis Show? If so please let me know so I can post it in the calendar. If not, let me know that too and I'll make the arrangements.

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Dear Gram,

Does anyone need a hotel reservation for Memphis? Peter Symes, incoming IBNS president, and I are now going to share, since Louise is not coming, and Phung Daniel will be occupying the second space in that room. I will go into the room that Peter reserved, because he is going to be there longer than I. Before I cancel my room, does anyone want to add his/her name to the room and then pick up the bill? I would just not check into it. I have reservations for Friday and Saturday only, the only two days I can get there from the A

NA summer seminar. Fred won't be there at all this year. Joe Boling

Dear Editor,

I assume most of the MPCgram readers get copies of Lyn Knight's auction lists. Those who do not may find interesting his Memphis Auction which lists several rare MPC's as well as the super-rare WW2 emergency issues for the Ivory Coast.

W. Burson

Dear Editor,

Comments on two items from MPCGram 1664:

Pre-war Bank of France notes were also issued to the Allied forces prior to Normandy. In fact, they can be seen in the picture on the cover of World War II Remembered.

Improvements were made to Augusta National Golf Course by German POWs imprisoned at Camp Gordon during WWII. The commander of Fort Gordon is a member of Augusta National and badges for the Masters are available by lottery to those stationed at Fort Gordon.

Jim Downey

[Editor's Note: Two emails from Ken Berger on strange characters in his copy of the Gram. Has anyone else experienced this or is Ken just plain lucky?]

Dear Editor

Those letters A with the tilde are appearing again. I've copied some examples below to show you.

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Here is the revised listing.

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back of 1934 \$10 FRN

(SN F05934811A)

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b. 9 lines and T/5/E code

c. 10 lines of Arabic text

[Above reference the types of JAPWANCAP over stamps]

Boss's birthday when attending the summer seminar.

Well, this year is special. It is one of those threshold birthdays

[Above reference the Boss' birthday]

Ken Berger

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London Auction,  
by Joe Boling

Some interesting results from the London Coins auction of world paper this weekend. Bernhard notes, average condition, Peppiatt signatures, five and ten pounds - from 42-46 pounds, which comes to \$93-104 with the juice and exchange rate. Same, but the Catterns signature on a ten pound note - 100 pounds, or \$224. The Catterns signature is rarely seen in Bernhard tens. It was not produced at all in fives. There were no Bernhard twenties in this sale - in fact, there were no white twenties at all, for some reason. Now here's one for you to hold onto your hats over. Remember the green one pound notes that were overprinted "Withdrawn from Circulation" on Guernsey, so that the Germans would not be able to use them? There was one of those in this sale (SB101a), described as "fine" - it realized 500 pounds. That's \$1117. All you folks who bought them at \$100 or so twenty years ago are pleased now, I'm sure (I was not one of you - that note did not fit into my Japan collection, so when David Keable offered me one, I passed).

A bit off of WWII, but of interest to many readers, are the Dardanelles notes - Arabic overprints on British treasury notes in WWI. A ten shilling with a tiny corner missing sold for 300 pounds (\$670). A second one, with more damage as the description reads (it was not illustrated), but evidently more in favor (or maybe because it was the last one available that day) brought 400 pounds (\$894).

In other SB-related notes, Fiji, overprint on New Zealand, one pound SB1376a, about fine, 160 pounds (\$375). A run of Konversionskasse notes (ten lots) with estimates generally 100 pounds and up, did not sell. One piece at the end of this group, a RM50 note perforated WERTLOS, brought 46 pounds (\$108). It seems the consigner had a higher opinion of their value than the bidders did. A Guernsey six pence SB115, fine+, did not sell on an estimate of 50-80 pounds. Neither did two Jersey notes, SB145 and 146 in GVF and a bit better, on estimates of 180-250 and 250-350 pounds.

I don't see anything else of special interest to gramsters in this sale. There was lots of scripophilia, but none from the war.

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I was happy to read Joe's report on the London Auction, especially the part about the Guernsey overprints.

My note, SB 101c in VF, was acquired in Milwaukee at the ANA and it cost more than the one hundred dollars Joe mentioned and quite a bit less than the \$1117 it brought in London. The best part, I did not have to pay any juice.

Memphis is only 14 days away. If there is no response to my question about the M2C2 meeting by Monday, I'll email/call Mike



Crabb and set something up. My recollection is that the usual time for the meeting is 1300 hours. Again, if you have info let me know and make sure to bring pay books, just in case.

The June 1st issue of the E-Sylum (Vol 11 #22) featured a website on German notes. One of the areas covered was German war notes. There are color images of the notes with a brief description. It's worth a peek and it could be printed out as a want-list or reference. See [www.germannotes.com](http://www.germannotes.com)

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Dear Editor and Fred,

I believe that I translated two of the Italian language propaganda banknotes and mention the third one with code although I have not seen the back and thus never translated it. I would like to see the backs of the four notes. I may already have a translation for a third because often the Germ

ans used the same text on the British and the American banknotes. Can I get scans at [sgmbert@hotmail.com](mailto:sgmbert@hotmail.com)

> David Seelye was here last week. We had a pleasant  
> time swapping stories and notes too. He brought some  
> notes to show me. A few were for sale. Most were just  
> to torment me. He has a nice collection of WWII  
> propaganda leaflets. In particular he has a collection  
> of messages on facsimile United States Federal Reserve  
> Notes. We had listings for these in Remembered 1, but  
> David has found some new ones. Here is the listing  
> that I revised for Remembered 2 based on Davids  
> collection. Here is the revised listing.  
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> back of 1934 \$10 FRN  
> (SN F05934811A)  
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> b. 9 lines and T/5/E code  
> c. 10 lines of Arabic text  
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> I particularly like the b variety because in addition  
> to the Arabi  
c text on the back it has the propagators  
> code (just made up the term). I like the code because  
> it makes it easier for us to identify the leaflet, but  
> also that was the reason that the code was put there  
> in the first place. Additionally, it adds a little  
> mystery to figure out what the T/5/E means. There is  
> the tantalizing possibility that it indicates that  
> there are five versions of the notes with the Arabic  
> on the back.

Dear Editor,

Don't forget the guerrilla stamps referenced on p. 419 in N. Shafer's book. Here's some additional information on these stamps which does not appear in the book:

"Printed by Simpson, Halligan and Co., in Brisbane, Australia upon order of G-2 Intelligence, Gen. MacArthurs Gen. HQ. Printed in panes of 25 stamps, delivered to the Philippines by submarine, 29 November 1943 as earliest reported postmark. Rare, extremely rare on cover"

Ken Berger

Dear Editor,

I haven't seen any notice of a minifest at the Colorado Springs coin show so I propose to having one at 1300 on Saturday, 28 Jun, meeting outside the entrance of the bourse in the snack area (if the show is layed out the same way it was two years ago). This way any students that arrive early for class will have time to make it to the show. Also happy to accommodate a later start time, just trying to get some discussion going prior to the event.

Not sure about any pay, but I'll have my pay-book, a Show and Tell item, and maybe something else.

Cheers,

Sparky

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Preparation for Colorado Springs  
by Joe Boling

Sorry - time got away from me. I should have sent this two weeks ago.  
Thank Dan Freeland for waking me up.

This is my annual advisory column for persons coming to Summer Seminar - what to pack. Although the military courses are not until week two, some of you will be departing sooner (as the battalion clerk has) and attending two weeks of seminars. Thus the "early" advice [not so early this year]. If you are staying in the dorms, you will be provided towels and slivers of soap, but NOT face cloths. If you are one who uses a face cloth to bathe, shower, or shave, bring a couple and a plastic bag to pack the wet one in on the last morning. If you want to use a hand towel for those trips to the sink between showers, bring them also. Only a very fe

w (or no) hangers are left in the closets when the Colorado College students leave for the summer. Bring a good supply of hangers for your shirts or blouses and trousers.

[NEW THIS YEAR] If you are going to be there both weeks, consider bringing some detergent for the washers. Yes, you can buy it from the vending machines, but a small Ziplock bag from home will be a lot cheaper, and you will be using the brand you like. If you are driving, and want to work at your desk in the evenings, bring a desk lamp. The overhead lights in the dorms are not very bright. Even if you are flying to Colorado, bringing a Tensor lamp (or equivalent) might be possible.

[NEW THIS YEAR] If you are bringing a laptop, bring an Ethernet cable. It's a lot easier to use the college's broadband lines by direct plug-in than by getting onto their Wi-fi network (I have never succeeded in getting wireless service to work there). If you are planning to make the trip up Pikes Peak, bring a j

acket, and maybe a hat. The weather up there is usually very different from what is down below. For the week in the Springs, casual wear. The staff members have been known to castigate folks for appearing in a tie and jacket. Bring an umbrella - it is not uncommon to have a thunderstorm every afternoon of the session. If you will be sunning yourself on the patio (or just playing poker out there in the afternoon), bring sun screen. At 6000 feet elevation, the sun burns much faster than at low elevations. If you have some numismatic white elephants, consider donating them to the YN auctions. The YN contingent will be soliciting donations of material to be sold (there is a YN auction in each session). Bring your check book also, so that you can buy items from the auction. \$50 bottles of water have been known to find new homes during those events. If you are already a fester, bring that pay book. The penalties for appearing for pay without a pay book can be severe. Don't forget your challenge coin, also, and keep it close by. Bring both World War II Remembered and the 4th edition MPC book, if you own them. If you do not own them, they will be provided, but you will be assessed for them in the pay line, thereby reducing the available fest

certificates that you have to use for other purposes. If you have any military currencies (particularly of the years covered by the seminar class, 1930-date) that are mysteries, bring them. If we can't unravel the mysteries, we will at least get to see your treasures and record them for the next edition of SB. You are welcome to bring as much else of your collection as you desire to share, but there is limited security capability (space in the ANA museum, subject to restricted hours of access). I've not heard of anyone losing material from the rooms, but there is only minimal security there. If you collect fest certificates, consider bringing that collection so that researchers can record serial numbers and you have your material close at hand for trading. If you own a UV lamp and a good loupe or hand-held microscope, bring them (and mark them with your name/phone number). Bring a millimeter scale. Bring your digital camera for recording images of notes and ancillary material (and your classmates). You can see from this list that the seminars tend to the very practical side, dealing with the actual materials as much as possible, rather than catalog listings of them. And if this brief message makes you wish that you were coming, start planning for 2009

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# EDITORIAL

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We have had requests to publish Ron Wadell's listing of World War II related stamps. As I mentioned I had wanted to go through the list and at least add some Scott catalog numbers and possibly some added explanations for each issuer, but decided to take that on a little later on and put the list out as Ron sent it. Those with Scott catalogs can do whatever research they wish. Ron's list follows. I have checked eBay for some of the stamps and have had a little success, although I did get outbid on some German occupation issues featuring Von Hindenburg.

Albania(33 regular postage)Issued under Italian Domination  
 (8 semi-postal)Issued under Italian Domination  
 (11 airmails)Issued under Italian Domination  
 (2 special delivery)Issued under Italian Domination  
 (5 postage due)Issued under Italian Domination  
 (13 regular postage)  
 Issued under German Administration  
 (7 semi-postal)Issued under German Administration  
 (1 special delivery)Issued under German Administration  
 (9 regular postage)1945 - Independent State  
 (4 semi-postal)1945 - Independent State  
 (7 regular postage)1945 - Albanian Army of Liberation, 2nd Aniv.  
 Austria(42 regular postage)German stamps overprinted  
 Belgian Congo(2 semi-postal)1942 - Belgium shall rise again  
 Belgium(4 regular postage)  
 1944 - Overprinted V  
 (20 semi-postal)1942-45 For POWs  
 (2 air-post semi-postal)1946 - American Memorial at Bastogne  
 Boh. & Mor.(177)1939-43 Czechoslovakia - German Protectorate

Bulgaria(33)  
China(790)Mostly Japanese Occupation  
China-Taiwan(9)overprint on Japanese prepared stamps  
Corfu(46)Italian Occupati  
on  
Costa Rica(5)1942 - Victory & Flags of Allied Nations  
Croatia(218)Independent State established by Germany  
Cuba(4)1943 - Fifth Column (WWII related??)  
Danzig(14)1939 - Issued under German Administration  
Denmark(3)Danish struggle for liberty  
Estonia(9)  
German Occupation  
Ethiopia(12)Italian Occupation & 1945 V for Victory  
Faroe Islands(5)1940-41 British Administration  
France(32+)  
Free France:Mostly LIBRE and Victory issues  
Algeria (50)  
Cameroun(62)  
Dahomey(3)  
French Colonies(8)  
Fr. Equa. Afr.(167)  
Fr. Guiana(5)  
Fr. Morocco(2)  
Fr. W. Africa(12)  
Guadeloupe(12)  
India(113)  
Indo-China(12)  
Madagascar(90)  
Martinique(12)  
New Caldonia(73)  
New Hebrides(17)  
Oceania(38)  
Reuni  
on(68)  
St. Pierre & Miq(134)  
Somali Coast(50)  
Syria(30)  
Tunisia(2)  
W & F Islands(55)  
Vichy France(32)Petain, Occupation, or issued under Vichy control  
Algeria(24)Note: There are many stamps referenced in Scott as  
Cameroun(4)issued by Vichy Govt. but not put on sale in colonies.  
Dahomey(2)Many are pictured and have common designs but are  
Fr. Equa. Afr.(5)not listed as official issues.  
Fr. Guiana(5)  
Fr. Guinea(5)  
Guadeloupe(5)  
India(5)  
Indo-China(66)  
Inini  
(5)  
Ivory Coast(5)  
Kwangchowen(5)  
Madagascar(5)



Martinique(5)  
Mauritania(5)  
New Caledonia(5)  
Niger(5)  
Oceania(5)  
Reunion(12)  
St. Pierre & Miq(5)  
Senegal(5)  
Somali Coast(5)  
Togo(5)  
W & F Islands(2)  
Germany(135)War, military themes or Hitler  
Occ. Germany(257+)Depends on how longoccupied  
Great Britain(164)CD303 - Peace commemorative set  
British CommonwealthNote: Japanese occupation stamps included.  
Australia(14)  
Many countries had Peace issues in 1946.  
Bechuanaland Prot. (3)  
Brunei(20)  
Burma(145)  
Canada(7)  
Cook Islands(4)  
Guernsey(5)  
Jersey(8)  
Mid. East Forces(18)  
E. Africa Forces(8)  
Hong Kong(5)  
Malaya(341)  
New Zealand(11)  
North Borneo(49)  
Pakistan(1)  
Sarawak(22)  
South Africa(3)  
S.W. Africa(3)  
St. Settlements(29)  
Swaziland(3)  
Zanzibar(2)  
Greece(45)For use in North Epirus (Albania)  
Greenland(9)  
Haiti(9)  
Hungary(33)  
Ionian Islands(44)Issued under Italian & German occupation  
Italy(38)  
Italian E.  
Africa(9)  
Italian Soc. Rep.(63)  
Karelia(28)Finish Occupation  
Lithuania(16)  
Luxembourg(53)Includes German Occupation  
Ljubijana(152)(Yugoslavia) Italian & German occupation  
Manchukuo???Japanese Puppet State  
Montenegro(151)Italian & German occupation  
Netherlands(16)Used on board Dutch ships until liberation  
Neth. Antilles(12)

Neth. Indies(40+)Japanese Occupation  
Nicaragua(4)  
Norway(29)  
Philippines  
(106)Japanese Occupation and Victory overprints  
Poland(209)Mostly German Occupation  
Rhodes(1)Italy  
Romania(84)  
Russia(115)Includes German Occupation  
Serbia(126)German Occupation  
Slovakia(228)German Protectorate  
Surinam(3)Surtax to buy fighters for Dutch pilots  
United States(27)  
Another 50 commemoratives in 1991-95  
Allied Military Government  
Austria(32)  
France(20)  
Germany(51)  
Italy-Sicily(12)  
Italy-V.G.(28)  
Italy-Trieste(305)

Some others I have seen related to WWII:

CzechoslovakiaUnofficial issue w/swastika & Wir sind freil  
Stamps with patriotic labels - Free Czech movement  
FranceForged #440 by French Underground  
Marianne stamps w/ & w/o FRANCE - printed in England  
V  
ichy FranceIssues of Legion of Volunteer French against Bolshevism  
Stamps overprinted with OEUVRES COLONIALES  
Stamps w/o RF issued by Vichy, not soldin colonies  
GermanyEmployee worker stamps  
Great BritainBritish counterfeits of French stamps  
Luxembourg1944 stamps sold cancelled in folder to benefit evacuees  
Norway  
#259-266 overprinted London 17-5-43  
Ruanda-UrundiMinature Sheets printed by Belgian Govt. in London  
AMG-GermanyAMG overprints (Travel Permit Stamps)

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www.lkcaworldpapermoney.com website. While Memphis has and will continue  
to receive its deserved attention, this article focuses on World Sale 14,  
which ends in a few short days: Monday, June 16 at 10 PM Eastern Time.  
This sale contains several pieces for Gram readers, highlights as  
follows:

LOT28 Australia: USNaval Officers Club, Brisbanebooklet; quite scarce  
 LOT3  
 0 Austria: 5 Heller Dunaszerdahely, unpriced in Campbell  
 LOTS 86-93 Ceylon: nice run of World War II material  
 LOT108 China: important Soviet Red Army group, including two difficult  
 notes with adhesive stamp  
 LOTS 124-125 Croatia: government issued 20 Kuna, followed by rarely seen  
 Zagreb circulating check  
 LOT169 Denmark: high grade Allied Command 1 Krone  
 LOTS 180-181 France: elusive propaganda 1000 Francs and issued  
 counterpart, then AMC 50 Francs replacement  
 LOT189 French Equatorial Africa: 1000 Francs phoenix  
 LOTS 190-192 French Oceania: three from WWII  
 LOTS 211-213 Germany: six note Konversionkasse lot, followed by Barter  
 Unit and extremely difficult Kantinengeld .50 Mark  
 LOTS 225-226 Great Britain: BMA group lot, followed by high grade BAF 2  
 Shillings 6 Pence  
 LOTS 265-266 India: two POW from different locations  
 LOT279 Italian East Africa: Quite decent, original 100 Lire  
 LOTS 289-291 Italy: very scarce Asinara 5 Centesimi, AMC lot, and group  
 including 200 Lire circula  
 ting check  
 LOTS 298-301 Japan: AMC, including scarce replacement 20 Yen  
 LOTS 303-307 Jersey: higher grade pieces from the WWII series  
 LOT314 Korea: notes from the Red Army series  
 LOT336 Libya: higher grade Tripolitaniapieces  
 LOT367 Netherlands: Amersfoortthree pieces  
 LOT371 NetherlandsIndies: complete Queen Wilhelmina issued set  
 LOT379 Norway: Government in exile 10 Kroner  
 LOTS 402-404 Philippines: few higher grade VICTORY and CENTRAL BANK notes  
 LOT443 Syria: choice 1 Livre 1939  
 LOT444-446 Tahiti: all very scarce, including wonderful comparison pair  
 50 Piastres overprints  
 LOT448-449 Thailand: two good comparison 100 Baht WWII  
 LOTS 451-462 United States: contains both MPC and POW chits

Thank you to Larry Schuffman for his previous letter highlighting US POW  
 chits in this sale.

Please contact me at grbaypa@aol.com or 414-350-6980 if you have any  
 questions regarding either sale. An article with Memphis highlights,  
 addressing notes contained in Weldon Bursons lette  
 r as well as many others, will follow before long. Happy hunting!  
 Joel Shafer

Dear Editor,  
 I checked Babelfish and it says "Besetzungsausgaben" means "Expenditures  
 for occupation".  
 Please send me a copy of Ron's list. Sounds like he has done some great  
 work.  
 [Medical Update: My ankle is still in the boot. I see the doc tomorrow.  
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by Fred Schwan

Yesterday (Saturday, 7 June), I attended a World War II reenactment. I am not even sure that the organizers called it that. I think that they might have simply called it a WWII Pacific squad encampment. Nonetheless, it was a reenactment in my book. It was quite good and I enjoyed it. Of course I learned some things too.

The event was put on by an organization that I had not heard of: North Coast Veterans Museum. It is based in Gibsonburg, a tiny town in the area. I am quite familiar with the place because I played there when I was a kid since it is where my father was born and raised. My grandparents lived there until their deaths.

You will appreciate how I learned about the event. The Boss found a flyer for it somewhere. I presume that it was while she was shopping (now that is a safe assumption!). Nevertheless, she recognized that it was something that would interest me and brought the

notice home. Actually, it interested her too, but she could not attend.

Back to the event. It was held on the modest lawn of the museum of the Sandusky County Historical Museum in Fremont, Ohio. For Festers and others who have been around here a few times, Sandusky is the neighboring country to the south and in spite of the name, the city of Sandusky is not located in this county (it is in Erie county).

A military policeman guarded the gate (actually, he welcomed visitors). Inside were two or three small tents with an array of small equipment, three military vehicles and an assortment of other equipment. The whole thing was well done and the selection of equipment was such that most anyone would find something of interest.

The most interesting single thing that I found was something that I had never seen before (or at least cannot recall seeing). Canned water. Yes, canned water similar in most ways to the upscale water sold today (but not purchased by me). Of course the can was olive drab and was marked as emergency water. I wish now that I had studied it a little closer to see how the can was to be opened etc., but I think that I will get to see those cans again.

It was most interesting to me that part of the display was an interactive event where some women were handing out donuts [AKA Police food - sorry, I just couldn't resist - Ed.] representing WWII Red Cross girls. I think that I have mentioned that Gaary Arva and Larry Ski have sent me down a slippery slope investigating these WWII women. You will see much more about that in the month ahead, but no more today.

By the time that I was finishing the second tent, I was accosted by the NCOIC of the thing--Master Sergeant M. Rex Postlethwalt. We discussed a few of the items on display. When he explained that this was a Pacific camp, I asked him what he had in his pocket for money. Actually, this is an interesting question for the Pacific and there could be several correct answers. He had a pretty good answer. He said military scrip.

That led to a discussion. He knew a little about Allied military francs and Japanese invasion money and the like. After he explained what he knew, I asked him what references he used for this type of information. Of course I hoped that he would respond with World War II Remembered, but he did not. He mentioned a few articles.

I did not specifically tell him about Remembered, but I did tell him briefly about the Fest and showed him our challenge coin since of course I had one in my pocket. Actually, I wished that I had an extra one so



that I could have rewarded him for his good work in holding the demonstration. (To make matters worse, the only one that I had on my person at the moment was sterling so even if I had been willing to go for a few hours without a challenge coin, I just could not award a silver challenge coin to a non-Fester).

It turns out that Rex is more than the leader of the reenactment. He is the organizer, leader, and probably most everything else of the North Coast Veterans Museum. I am excited about the prospect of visiting the museum and possibly working with Rex on some projects. Certainly you will hear more about this too.

I got his card and email address and sent the email to Roger so that he could add Rex to the subscription list. In the meantime, in case any of you will be passing through this area this summer, the museum is open only Monday evenings from 1730-2000 hrs. The phone number is 419 332 5912. I will be jealous if any of you make it there before I do (I will not be able to go for a few weeks since the museum is closed tomorrow because of this weekends activities and after that I will be on the road for awhile for the summer seminar.

As I said, the event was on the grounds of the Sandusky County Historical Museum and was a nicely coordinated affair. Special exhibits were set up in the museum relating to the war. I do not know if I learned anything of great interest. I did not see any coins or paper money in the museum, but there were some military decorations as you can imagine. Hidden in the corner of a tray, tucked in the back of a display case was a pay book. Of course I liked that.

The pay book made me think of what we know when. I had never seen a pay book until about 12 years ago. They are quite common now on eBay, but back then they were not easy to find. I finally found my first one at a big militaria show in Cincinnati and was quite pleased to get it. I believe that a picture of that pay book was used in MPC III and IV. I should also mention that David Klinger has done some great work on pay books. I think that his interest came from receiving a pay book at the summer seminar, but of course I am not sure about that. I must say that any pay book that has entries is a fascinating document.

I sure missed the mark on the discussion about the money found in the pocket of the Nazi murder victims. Sorry about that.

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Can anyone out there translate "BLAGAJNISKI ZAPIS?" These words on in the heading of a note I purchased in Maastricht and part of three very similar items listed on eBay. See the referenced item numbers below for pictures of the notes. When I purchased my example with a written value of 8000 lir and a 3% notation in the topleft hand corner of the note, the dealer, who I believe to have been from Poland, said it was a 3% bond from Slovenia maturing at 8000 lir (lira). The seller for all three of the eBay notes states they are partisan issues from World War II. I sent a scan of both my note and the eBay notes to Larry Smulczenski and he feels that they are partisan issues and believe he has at least one copy which was from a set purchased last year in Memphis. He is trying to locate the note to make sure. I emailed the eBay seller and asked for clarification and am awaiting a response. I would also like to know what "IZPLACANO" translates to.

Could this be some type of cancellation indicating the bond was redeemed? I have tried a couple of translators found in Google but the results made no sense.

Do we have partisan currency, some sort of 3% bond or something akin to the US compound treasury notes issued in the 19th century?

Here are the lot numbers, take a look and see what you think:

Lot# 150247509584 - 200lir

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Lot#160243666620 - 8000lir

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Dear Editor,

Fred asked if anyone knew of women involved in the D-Day operations of WWII.

One which came to mind was Sonja d'Artois (ne:Butt)

Sonyawas parachuted into France on May 28, 1944 as a part of Operation Overlord- a week and a half ahead of D-Day. Sonya's father served in the RAF,

andshe left the family home in Woking and joined the WAAF on November 14, 1941 (aged 17 and a half). She detested that her trade was in administration, but while working at RAF Gosforth, her fluency in French was soon found out and she was recruited for work in the SOE. She was promoted to the rank of Assistant Section Officer.

During her training she met and fell in love with fellow SOE agent French Canadian Captain Guy d'Artois.

Sonya was parachuted into the Le Mans area on May 28 1944 to work as the courier to Christopher Hudson (codename Albin) the organizer of the Headmaster Circuit. She used the codename "Blanche". She was one of the last WAAFs landed in France before the Allied invasion, only nine days

before D-Day. After one of the other agents dropped with her was shot during a battle between the Maquis and the Germans, Sonya took on the additional role of Weapons Training Officer. She said "I filled in wherever the need arose." As a courier her primary roles were to carry money, pass messages and maintain liaison with other SOE Agents.

She was stopped in June 1944 by two Germans while moving about the countryside, but despite being taken in for questioning her cover story and false papers held up to examination and she was released.

In October 1944, Sonya returned to England, her mission completed. She was still only 20 years old.

She survived her SOE work and left to marry Guy d'Artois. After the war, Sonya and Guy went to live in Canada. They had six children. Guy died in a Veterans hospital in March 1991. She now goes by the pseudonym of Toni D'Artois.

Re: [http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/C/charlotte\\_gray/real.html](http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/C/charlotte_gray/real.html)  
David Klinger

Dear Editor

As far as I can tell from a brief survey on Google, both the Army Nurse Corps and the Navy Nurse Corps sent nurses ashore on June 10th, four days after D-Day. Couldn't find any specifics for the WAC or the Marines women. All my ANC [Army Nurse Corps? - Ed] are in Indianapolis, while I am in Toledo - will look for more detail when next I am over there.

Louise Boling

Dear Gram and Sparky,

You hit it just right, a meeting (if there is to be one) can be in the eating area just outside the bourse area of the Colorado Springs Coin Show. And Saturday at 1300 is fine. Ken Hallenbeck

Dear Gramsters;

The Texas Numismatic Association will hold their 50th Anniversary Convention in 2010. First of all, I would like to invite all of you to attend if you have time and, perhaps, even hold a Mini-fest there. It will be held in Fort Worth and should be a good show. Do let us know so you can be included on the calendar.

More importantly, I have been requested to compile a 50 year history of the TNA. I am looking for information, personal papers, photographs, antidotes, etc from any of you that were or are members and would like to share with us. If you would send them to me I will have them scanned/copied and return them safely. Paul Garner

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August 28-30 - [forvm@cfl.rr.com](mailto:forvm@cfl.rr.com) or [www.brna.org](http://www.brna.org)

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September 11 (set-up) 18-20 - [cash2274@comcast.net](mailto:cash2274@comcast.net)

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In Memoriam  
Thomas M. Flynn  
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It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of our good friend Thomas M. Flynn, of Scottsdale, AZ. from the June 23, 2008 Coin World. He passed away on May 29that St. Mary's Hospital inRochester, MN. Tom was a longtime resident of Dubuque, IA before moving to Arizona. Tom was one of the dealers who you loved to see atcoin or paper money

conventions. He always had a cordial greeting and was friendly with everyone who stopped at his table. We loved to talk to him about collecting. We always knew that Tom was a collector and attended many auctions around the country. At many times, we attended the same auctions.

When we received our Heritage CAA auction catalog for the Central States Numismatic Society Convention this past April, we were shocked to see the scope and breath of his collection. He had exceptional collections of U. S. Large and Small Sized Currency, Fractional Currency, National Bank Notes, Military Payment Certificates, Encased Postage, Canadian Paper Money (said to be one the finest collections ever formed) and Foreign Currency. We attended the sale of his currency collection in at the CSNS convention in Rosemont, IL. this Spring. Tom, his wife Mary and some of their children attended the sale. When the final hammer came down for the sale, the Flynn collection generated prices that in many cases were staggering. We covered some portions of the Flynn consignment, and our story can be found in the June, 2008 Bank Note Reporter.

We will miss Tom at the International Paper Money Show in Memphis later this month. He was a true gentleman, dealer, and collector who will be missed greatly by his many friends from around the United States and other countries. All of our condolences and prayers to his wife Mary, their four sons and the rest of the Thomas Flynn family.

Sincerely, John and Nancy Wilson, Ocala, FL

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Thanks to John and Nancy Wilson for the kind words about Tom Flynn. Although I did not know him personally, I am sure we crossed paths at one show or another. Here at the Gram we also extend our sympathies and condolences to his family.

We are all relieved that Steve Feller and his family are well and at least coping with the situation in Iowa. See letters from Steve and Ray Feller following. I spoke with Ray on the phone and she is of course concerned since she is in Boston. We look forward to seeing both Ray and Steve in Memphis which is less than ten days from now. Marv Mericle reports the M2C2 meeting is traditionally held at about 1600 hours on Saturday. I'll confirm the time and date with Mike Crabb.

I've received some info on the partisan notes and will put it all together for tomorrow's Gram.

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Dear Gram,



I have one of those olive drab cans of water around here somewhere; I picked it up at a military show soon after I started collecting MPC. If I can find it in the Benton Black Hole, I'll send it to you.  
William E. Yanchick

Dear Gram, This post-dates WWII, but canned water was produced by the United States Civil Defense Administration for stocking public fallout shelters. The cans were olive drab with army-style nomenclature on them.  
Jim Downey

Dear Editor,  
I received some very kind concerns about the situation for my father and our family in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I wanted to thank everyone for their caring, and to let everyone know that everyone is okay and that our house is safe. Of course, I live in Boston, so  
I am VERY far away from the river. My parents actually live in a small town just north of Cedar Rapids, so the house is in good shape. In fact, in some ways they are especially lucky. For instance, the rest of Cedar Rapids is on a very strict water restriction because the water processing plant is only working at a very limited capacity. People were asked to refrain from taking showers. Our house, being built out in the boonies, has its own well. So, my parents will not have to smell bad, and they have been kindly inviting friends to use the shower also.

The whole situation is pretty devastating. As you've seen on the news, the downtown is completely flooded, and many many businesses and homes are going to be destroyed. According to the news reports, over 1300 blocks were flooded, and 24,000 people had to be evacuated. In a city of only 120,000, that is twenty percent of the population. It hurts my heart to see places I love under water, likely to never be as they were. But ... certainly it is good that people are safe and there has been a huge volunteer effort in Cedar Rapids, where people have come forward to help each other.

My mother's work is okay, though they have suffered from some of the massive power outages in the area. The water did reach my father's college, so they are closed for the month, but it looks like there won't be very much damage there. He is forced to stay home, which is strange for such a hard-working man, but don't worry... he's got plenty of work he can do from there. As people may know from talking to him, the summer is actually his busiest time, because he has a huge, impressive research program where over twenty students stay to get experience doing physics research. Unfortunately, the flood has forced the students to leave campus. Initially, they were actually evacuated to the rival school, Cornell College, but now most of them seem to be either heading home or going to other programs in positions that my father has skillfully finagled.

So, overall... everyone's positive thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated. The family is safe, and now... we'll have to see how the recovery goes for Cedar Rapids.

Take care,  
Ray Feller

Dear Gram,  
Words cannot describe what water 21 feet above the flood level has done to my city. Perhaps you have seen the images. Billions of FRN will be spent to repair the damages.

As Ray has indicated we (Barb and I) are well and my house and collection are fine too. We live about 6- miles from the problem area. From here one cannot tell of the utter destruction in the flood area.

My regular email is down until Tuesday, we think, as the campus has no power yet. Thus, Roger, please send the MPCgram to this address-- feller.steve@gmail.com. Please forward the last few as well.

Ray and I will be in Memphis and I look forward to seeing you all then.

Yours in friendship,  
Steve Feller

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More on Bonds,  
by Jim Downey

A few months ago I purchased some bonds from the German Conversion Office for Foreign Debts (Konversionskasse für Deutsche Auslandsschulden) on Ebay. These were bonds denominated in English pounds, Swiss francs and Dutch guilders. World War II Remembered indicates these bonds were suspected to exist but was not confirmed.

Shortly after I made the purchase, I was contacted by a gentleman in Germany by the name of Hans-Georg Glasemann. Mr. Glasemann was working on a book on the instruments issued by the Conversion Office and was looking for scans of items for the book. I was able to provide him with the scans of a few items and some additional information that I had.

I received an advance copy of the book recently. It will be available as an E-book in July. It is written in German and although my German is a little rusty, it appears to be a comprehensive treatment of the subject. (An English translation is in the works.) There was one item in the book that I thought I would share because I do not believe it is well-known in the English-speaking world.

Mr. Glasemann indicates that in 2006 and 2008 bonds held by the Reichsbank at the end of World War II had been released by the German government and were being auctioned off. The group of bonds had been held by the East German government. The entire hoard amounted to over 46 million documents including bonds and share certificates from German corporations and local state, and national government bodies.

I had noticed large numbers of German bonds from the 1920-1930s appearing on Ebay recently. In addition to the Conversion Office bonds I purchased, there has also been a glut of municipal issues, corporate bonds and government bonds including bonds from the Dawes and Young Loans of the 1930s and bonds from the City of Danzig. Many of these items were previously scarce.

The bonds of the Conversion Office were included in the items sold by the German government. Conversion Office scrip certificates were also in the hoard. It is not known how many and what denominations of the Conversion Office bonds and scrip were in the Reichsbank hoard and have already been released or what remains. The release of other items from this hoard (such as the German dollar bonds of the 1920s) has brought their prices down considerably in the collectors market. Only time will tell if this will happen to the Conversion Office scrip.

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EDITORIAL

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There have been a number of responses to who can translate "BLAGAJNISKI ZAPIS" as you will see in Mail Call. I didask the seller and he responded as follows:

"In the absence of real money in the liberated parts after the German occupation, the Partisan local government issued some TEMPORARY MONEY which in Slovenian language carries the name Blagajnicki zapis. This money circulated on the territory of Slovenia until the first common money was printed in 1944., which then was used on the territory of the whole former Yugoslavia."

- miki-ni

From that response and the translations below it appears the note is a type of Treasury bill, used as money, which apparently paid some interest and upon redemption was over-stamped IZPLACANO, roughly translated to "PAID" or "WORTHLESS". My thought that it might be a bond doesn't fit into the translations, but the 3% on the face does lead me to believe the note accrued some additional value from the time of issue/purchase/conversion from the money used during the German occupation. We need a little more work on this. I passed on bidding on any of the offered notes since I could not hazard a guess as to their worth. I'll bring the note I purchased in Maastricht to Memphis as my show and tell for the M2C2 meeting, which, by the way is scheduled for Saturday 28 June at 1600 hours. We have the room foran hour. Thanks to Mike Crabb.

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Dear Editor,  
To all those interested. MMFC Series 086 is currently being prepared for release at the Colorado Springs Mini Fest at 1300 hours in the main lobby of the Coin show.  
Larry Gibbs

Dear Gram. [and David Seelye]  
No response on the cigarettes so I guess MPCers are off tobacco.  
I need an inexpensive MPC note Series 5 Cent in AU condition (XF or UNC probably OK). I sold one I had in my last auction for \$3.50 but can't find the note to deliver to the customer. Maybe someone out there has an extra I can buy about that price to fill the order. Thanks for the help.  
Ray Czahor  
cookiejarpi@verizon.net

Dear Gram,  
I had been selling Tom Flynn MPC, regular issue and replacements for many years, including "A" yen. He always looked for nice original

UNC's. He was an active buyer up to late 2007!. He was a "closet" MPC collector, very low profile, but avid to say the least. He will be missed.  
David Seelye

Dear Editor,  
Looks Croatian without the necessary accents which perhaps frustrates the translation.  
blagajnik = bursar, cashier, treasurer  
zapis could be: inscription, account, legend or, perhaps importantly, note  
Try "cashier note".

Just got hold of a Hindu acquaintance who speaks 8-10 languages including Croatian! He says:  
"Izplacano ( izplacheno) means paid "  
Okey dokey?? But I wonder why it failed to come up on the dictionary?  
For all European EU and nearby countries this is a great translation tool:  
[www.eudict.com](http://www.eudict.com)  
Kerry Rodgers

Dear Editor,  
You asked: Can anyone out there translate "BLAGAJNISKI ZAPIS?" The translation I found is: "WRITTEN RECORD" in Slovenian. I could not find "IZPLACANO" (check the spelling.)  
David Klinger

Dear Editor  
You asked for a translation of  
BLAGAJNISKI ZAPIS  
You did not find anything via Google, so I went to Google.de and found this auction lot. There is a link "Ask the Seller" Maybe you want to do that.  
<http://www.aukcije.hr/item.php?lan=EN&id=189496>  
Could this be a "DONATION RECEIPT?". Many of the Yugoslavian Partisan notes were donation receipts. There are pages and pages of listings with the word, all have something to do with banking.  
<http://www.bolha.com/oglas2956540>  
Beate Rauch

Dear Editor,  
Unfortunately I am unable to translate BLAGAJNISKI ZAPIS (MPCGram 1669), but if it is of some help I recall a similar item for 1000 Lir on eBay some time ago, which was accompanied by what I believe may be a translation (very rough) of the two lines on the item under Blagajnski Zapis.



The item description was:

"By decision of the Presidium of the Slovene National Liberation Council issued the branch of the Monetary Institute of Slovenia for the Slovenian Littoral on the Octobre 5th,1944 the treasury bills"

The description also noted that the item was mentioned as 193/1 (page 489) in "Paper Money Catalogue of Yugoslav Countries - Part 2" by Zmago Jelincic (Ljubljana 1989/90). I don't have a copy of this catalog but maybe some other Gramsters do.

Grahame Austin

Dear Editor

BLAGAJNISKI ZAPIS - Treasurer Note

IZPLACANO - Worthless

Russ Walsh

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WHEN THE MUSIC STOPPED  
by Gary Hicks

For those who are unaware, at a military theater, the National Anthem is played before every movie. This 'incident' happened more than once during my 15 years in the Corps. Interesting it still goes on.

From a Chaplain in Iraq :

I recently attended a showing of 'Superman 3,' here at LSA Anaconda. We have a large auditorium we use for movies, as well as memorial services and other large gatherings. As is the custom back in the States, we stood and snapped to attention when the National Anthem began before the main feature. All was going as planned until about three-quarters of the way through The National Anthem the music stopped.

Now, what would happen if this occurred with 1,000 18-22 year-olds back in the States? I imagine there would be hoots, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments; and everyone would sit down and call for a movie. Of course, that is, if they had stood for the National Anthem in the first place. Here, the 1,000 Soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward. The music started again. The Soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. And again, at the same point, the music stopped. What would you expect to happen?

Even here I would imagine laughter, as everyone finally sat down and expected the movie to start. But here, you could have heard a pin drop. Every Soldier continued to stand at attention. Suddenly there was a lone voice, then a dozen, and quickly the room was filled with the voices of a thousand soldiers, finishing where the recording left off: 'And the rockets red glare, The bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night That our flag was still there. Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.' It was the most inspiring moment I have had here in Iraq . I wanted you to know what kind of Soldiers are serving you here.

Remember them as they fight for you!

Pass this along as a reminder to others to be ever in prayer for all our soldiers serving us here at home and abroad. For many have already paid the ultimate price.

Written by Chaplain Jim Higgins

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Gary's feature is not numismatic, but I think very revealing. Have you ever noticed at ballgames and other sports venues that before the National Anthem is over, the hats go back on and the cheers and cat calls start to drown out the last few lines? Have you ever noticed when the National Anthem is being played, either live or as a recording, and the camera pans the crowd, how many people are chatting, eating, and doing everything else but paying attention? Those things have always annoyed me. Perhaps it the fact that many of our citizens were never in the military and did not get the opportunity to learn what to do and what not to do. Or perhaps it's because we, as a country, have lost our manners. Thanks for the reminder Gary.

We have it on good authority that the response to the Boss' birthday has been very good. Time is growing short so, get your birthday greetings in the mail. Send your cards to the attention of Karen Davidson at 704 Two Bear Road, Pagosa Springs, CO, 81147. I'm sure Judy will be quite surprised.

Robert Van Ryzin has been named the new editor of Bank Note Reporter, Coins and Coin Prices magazines. See his letter in Mail Call.

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Dear Editor,  
In one of my leaflets to the Japanese there are hundreds of such cans [water cans] lined up on the beach in an attempt to get the enemy, dying of thirst in the jungle, to surrender.  
Herb Friedman

Dear Gram,  
Gram 1669 came through much nicer than recent Grams. The pesky As were missing and it was overall much better.  
I had been thinking that the extra As that you were creating might be combined with all of those left over Ts from the The Numismatist-Numismatist-The Numismatist cycle to create a bunch of ats for use as substitutes for the Internet overworked ampersand.  
Fred

Dear Gram  
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Sam Feedback

Hi Fred and Gramsters,  
Hope I have the right e-mail address here. Picked it up from the ANA Web site.  
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TWIRR9  
by Fred Schwan

I will be in Colorado Springs Friday for the opening of the Summer Seminar. Joe might pick at the term opening, but Friday is the first scheduled event. It is a reception sort of thing for instructors. Actual classes do not start until Sunday afternoon. The MPC Boot camp does not start until Tuesday evening. I believe that nine students have signed up.

That is the most that we have ever had. I think that it is great. I take a different approach to the mini seminar than I do with the military numismatics class. In the mini seminar we only have a few hours so I stay on task and push the class through all of the good MPC stuff. I only have a few new things for the mini.

For the advanced military numismatics class, we have several new things planned. I think that it will be the best advanced class that we have ever had. As far as the basic class, I am always excited about that. I will talk much more along this line next week.

At this moment I am in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. My numismatic adventures on the way out here have been limited. Yesterday I spent the day in Durango where I found a coin shop right across from the news stand/coffee shop where I was spending money on both newspapers and coffee.

I was pleased to find a little bit of paper money and even some military money--JIM. I was pleased to see a copy of the current Bank Note Reporter on sale. The proprietor, Larry Rasmussen, said that he will be at the Colorado Springs show. Larry had some of those motorized display cases that display a lot of coins in a small space. In desperation to buy something, I went through all of those trays looking for some interesting WWII coins. There were some coins, but not interesting enough to purchase. However, I did find a nice love token that I was able to buy for Judys birthday (at least I will not be empty handed (and neither will she be)). Judys sister reports that cards have been arriving for the 24th. Thank you to all who sent cards. Depending upon where you live it might be possible to still get one here by Tuesday.

I ended the day by going to an historical museum in Durango. It was a nice enough place, but I was disappointed that there was not a single thing in the place about World War II or numismatics. That is significant because you know how liberal I can stretch my definition of those things. Ultimately, I wound up having a chat with the curator. He reported that the museum has little or nothing numismatic (but he does not know about my liberal definition), neither did he volunteer any information about what WWII stuff the museum has even though he did allow that it does have some. Wait, I just remembered. He did say that they have some merchant tokens. I suggested that if he every put out an exhibit of these tokens, that he should send news releases about it to the ANA and the numismatic press. I even opined that it might be possible that such a display could then be loaned to the ANA museum etc. Of course I might have been out of line on all of this.

On Tuesday, we went to Silverton, Colorado via train--steam engine driven train. It was a nice enough trip, but again, numismatics was in short supply except of course that the very place--Silverton is the site of a large gold mine. The mine has been closed for quite a few years, but \$1000 gold might find it opening again.

I was pleased to find one thing. Silverton has a branch of the State Bank of Ouray. I was able to grab a calendar with an Ouray photograph for the Fest auction. It is possible that I will drive through Ouray, Colorado

tomorrow on my way to Colorado Springs, so I might be able to find a few more things like the calendar.

I was surprised to get another museum visit in today after writing the above. This was the Pioneer Museum in Pagosa Springs, CO. It was another small museum. It did not have anything on WWII and it did not have much on numismatics, but by my liberal definition it did have some that was interesting. Specifically, it had a bank teller cage from some old local bank. It also had two old bank safes and one even larger safe that had belonged to a lumber company. They were real beauties. The curator knew some of the history of the largest safe. The two doors weigh 700 pounds each. She did not know how much the safe itself weighed. The safe had been delivered to the vicinity via rail from Cincinnati, but the last 50+ miles had been by animal drawn wagons. Oh my. I should have copied some of the information on the safe in order to be able to research it. Since my sister in law lives here, I will try to get that info in the future.

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EDITORIAL

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In addition to his weekly article, our esteemed publisher has also contributed today's guest editorial:

As was reported in yesterday's Gram, David Kranz has left the Bank Note Reporter where he has served as editor for several years. I am sorry that I do not know for how long. David did an outstanding job as the BNR editor. He was a Gramster and a friend of MPC and military money collecting. He will be missed. I hope that he will continue in the hobby in some way.

The Bank Note Reporter is very important to our hobby as I am sure you will agree. The good news is that Bob van Ryzin has been assigned the vacated post. I have known Bob for a long time. I cannot say that I know him well, but over the years we have been more than friendly. I especially remember a special event that he and I attended. Quite a few years ago, when Bob, Wayne Homren and I attended the opening in Washington DC (I think) of art of J. S. G. Boggs. Wayne and I drove from Ohio/Pennsylvania. Bob was there when we got there. I think that we were the three numismatists in attendance. It was a good time. Bob is a good numismatist with good editorial credentials. I am sure that he will do a great job on the BNR--we would expect no less.

Fred Schwan

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Dear Editor,

Appreciate getting the for sale items listed. Would you please put a note (this note) in the letters sections mentioning that I have items for sale listed below? I don't think very many scroll down to the For Sale Section.

Thanks, Ron

[Ron's suggestion is a good one and I think we will move the POST/BASE EXCHANGE and the WANTED Sections right after the Mail Call Section - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

Does anyone (Kerry) have any information on the Fiji chits from GPH with a stamped signature on the back?  
David Seelye

Dear MPC Gram,

We recently received word from David Kranz that he had left F + W. He was an outstanding Editor for Bank Note Reporter and his columns were always interesting and well done. The firm will miss him. We have known Bob Van Ryzin for many years. He is an excellent person to fill the job David Kranz did. We wish Bob Van Ryzin well in his new job and hope to see him in Memphis.

John and Nancy Wilson

> > Dear Editor,

> > The recent interest raised among some of the Gram readers  
> > regarding WWII-era related postage stamps would suggest  
> > another potential area of collecting interest: that of  
> > WWII-era revenue stamps. A recent edition of Shimomura's  
> > catalog on Japanese revenue stamps (since I happen to have  
> > one within reach) devotes almost 40 pages to "overseas"  
> > (transl.: occupational) revenue stamps. Also, there are  
> > Japanese home island issues during the WWII period which  
> > includes revenue stamps, tobacco tax stamps, medicine  
> > inspection tax stamps, and other stamps for however else  
> > governments can squeeze money out of the tax payers. The  
> > Gram readers are already familiar (from WWII Remembered)  
> > with the "shoshi" stamps (banknote guarantee stamps)  
> > affixed to Japanese banknotes from Feb. 1946. Of course,  
> > as with postage stamps, the documents and items to which  
> > the revenue stamps are attached (or "tied", in the  
> > philatelic community) can be another whole area of  
> > collecting.  
> > Just to muddy the waters a bit more (for Fred and Joe in  
> > formulating Remembered-2) or to whet the appetites of some  
> > of the readers,  
> > Ken Nakayama

Dear Gram,

In regard to the topic of World War II related stamps, I purchased a book a few years ago titled Catalog of Displaced Persons Prisoners of War Concentration Camp and Ghetto Stamps during and after World War II in Germany.

It was published by Stereo Stamps in Chicago, IL. Like the title says it covers all of the listed topics, however they are not only from Germany. The book also covers area occupied by Germany. I will bring the book to Memphis if anyone would like to see it. I could also send it to anyone that has an interest in looking at the book.

Dave Frank

Dear Editor

It occurs to me that it might be worthwhile for someone to check with the American Topical Association and get the address of their WWII group.

When I was collecting thematic stamps, there was an entire group dedicated to just the stamps of the war. I would assume they have lists already, if not a catalog.

Herb Friedman

1250 Bellflower Blvd.... Larger Map

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World Paper Treasures Abound for Gramsters in Memphis Sale,  
by Joel Shafer

Just about on the eve of Memphis, many of us await with great anticipation. This years world paper money auction provides many key opportunities for Gram readers.

On Thursday night, June 26, Lyn Knight Currency Auctions will offer an important world bank note selection.

An impressive World War II array begins with Allied Military Currency Austria LOTS 1024 and 1025, including a beautiful 1000 Schilling; a seldom offered France 5000 Francs in LOT 1299; and what appears to be a nondescript hand made book from Italy in LOT 1418. However, that booklet houses a 5 Lire with SERIAL NUMBER #1 and other low number wonders! Japan also has a solid run from this era, starting with LOT 1430.

The sale also includes high grade Djibouti LOT 1266; Faeroe Islands LOT 1284, excellent comparison pair containing the two oft confused 10 Kroner; Fanning Islands 1 Pound with both intact and halved examples; France TRESOR 500 Francs LOT 1297; Phoenix notes in French Guiana LOTS 1307 and Martinique LOT 1461; French Indochina 5 Piastres LOT 1311, an unusual SPECIMEN; Guadeloupe archive Specimen depicting Marianne LOT 1360; Guernsey appealing run of high grade wonderful serial numbers starting with LOT 1368; Ivory Coast complete wartime set in LOTS 1421; 1422; 1423, likely not offered previously and worthy of significant attention; excessively rare Italian Dodecanese pair LOTS 1419 and 1420, certainly two marvels; and Timor LOTS 1653 and 1654, including Australian reproduction 50 Avos

United States MPC can be found in LOTS 1660-1663. Highlights include a difficult 1 Dollar Replacement Series 471 (#MPC 815r), likely among the best known; outstanding 25 Cents Replacement Series 481 (#MPC 833r3); and extremely difficult 10 Cents Specimen series 661 (#MPC 902s).

DO NOT MISS THIS

I'm always excited about going to Memphis. It's a great way to start the summer and it is a chance to see many friends and fellow collectors and talk notes! The SPMC breakfast is always a hit and a chance to pick up a nice raffle item. The M2C2 meeting always finds something new to see and there is always the possibility of a mini-fest breaking out. I have a few notes and other items that need some clarification and Memphis is the best place because of the variety of collector knowledge in attendance. It is also a great venue to pick up those notes you can't find. The Knight auction has some nice items and thanks to Joel for the highlights. I looking forward to seeing you all there.

On a practical note, it seems we still have all those extra letters in the Gram. My copy is fine, but others have commented. Sparky Watson has made a suggestion to copy over the Gram when complete to Notepad convert it to a different computer language (ASACII), and then copy it back into Yahoo before sending it out to binhost.

This Gram will go out that way. Please let me know if Sparky's method works.

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Dear Gramand David, g'ddy from Down Under,

Many Fiji WWII tokens are found with names on their backs (and occasionally their front). Some names are hand written. Many are rubber stamped monikers in a cursive script. Some names pop up quite regularly. I have not made any systematic study. Life is too short and tokens too few. Nor is it clear why and when the stamps were applied. They may well have been post-WWII. I have assumed all GPH tokens that carry such stamps or have hand written names actually circulated, unlike those examples from that mother lode of UNC GPH tokens that have been slowly bled into the market for at least twenty years, often as sets, and more recently in uncut groups of four.  
KerryRodgers

Dear Editor,

What are these P- numbers on material that is listed in SB? Ron can't be serious about selling his stuff - he has not identified them down to the minor variety level. For instance, what position numbers on the MPC? What block number on the French AMC? What SB numbers on the Chinese puppet bank notes and JIM? Grump - all that work to provide a reference, and collectors ignore it.

Joe Boling

Dear Editor

I am looking for a replacement MPC logo wallet like the ones Leo may used to sell. I want the series 692 Indian. My replacement was stolen. I've looked and looked on yahoo and Google

Nick Schrier

800 546-8720

Dear Gramsters;

The Texas Numismatic Association will hold their 50th Anniversary Convention in 2010. First of all, I would like to invite all of you to attend if you have time and, perhaps, even hold a Mini-fest there. It will be held in Fort Worth and should be a good show. Do let us know so you can be included on the calendar.

More importantly, I have been requested to compile a 50 year history of the TNA. I am looking for information, personal papers, photographs, antidotes, etc from any of you that were or are members and would like to

share with us. If you would send them to me I will have them scanned/copied and return them safely.

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Odds and Ends,  
by Jim Downey

Here are a handful of numismatic tidbits that I have run across that I thought would be of interest to the MPCGram audience:

1) Stecher-Truang did not apply the serial numbers to the yen-denominated Allied Military Currency it printed. The serial numbers were printed by the California State Printer in Sacramento.

2) The Victory Series of Philippine currency is identified as Victory Series No. 66. Why 66? According to the BEP, it was chosen because Philippine President Manuel Quezon was 66 years old when he died in 1944 just before the notes were printed. He was actually 18 days short of turning 66 when he died on August 1, 1944. He was born August 19, 1878.

3) For the Allied Invasion of Italy, company level units of the United States Army carried with them copies of two proclamations from the Allied

Military Governor. They were required to post them in prominent places in cities and towns they occupied. One was the proclamation establishing the authority of the Allied Military Governor. The other was the proclamation declaring Allied Military Currency legal tender in Italy.

4) While the printing of Allied Military Currency for Italy was a closely-guarded secret, the printing of Supplemental Francs for the invasion of France was not. An article describing their printing appeared in the New York Times in February 1944, four months prior to the Normandy Invasion.

5) United States Savings Bonds were marketed as Defense Savings Bonds during the Korean War but no change was made to the bonds themselves reflecting this.

6) The United States Bureau of the Public Debt will still redeem WWI Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps as well as War Savings Stamps from WWII. If you send them a 10 cent War Savings Stamp, they will send you a check in the same amount.

7) Prior to the US entry into WWI, most of the ink used for US currency was imported from Europe. Special arrangements were made with the warring nations to permit ships carrying the ink to transit the Atlantic unmolested.

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EDITORIAL

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In yesterday's Gram I took Sparky's advice and re-copied the entire Gram into the Drafts folder and sent it off to binhost for distribution. For some reason, probably an error on my part, the "EDITORIAL" header was omitted. The editorial information was, however, there. I have received no comments from readers of Monday's Gram about extra or extraneous letters. I'll continue to re-copy the Gram and see how it goes. Feedback is important here, so please let me know one way or the other.

Kathy Myers mentioned the trivia questions in her letter and the fact that they have stopped. Fred used to write them and in speaking to him he is all for renewing the CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER. To that end we will start tomorrow. For now, I'll go through Remembered, and previous Grams and come up with the questions. Of course, anyone else wishing to submit questions (along with the correct answers) is not only welcomed, but encouraged, to do so.

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Dear Editor,

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[The assumption is that the Tuesday Joe refers to is TODAY, 24 June - Ed.]

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Joe Boling

Dear Editor

I NEED to know at what time and where the MiniFest is going to be held!!!!!!!!!!!!!! People come to my table asking about it. Many will miss it if they do not know about it. What is the secrecy for? I do not get it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

[Howard, there is no secrecy; the time of the mini-fest is determined bywhomever is going to get it going. Since you are holding two meetings, I nominate you. What timedo you want to set, and do you have a commemorative note or will there be pay? I would suggest you coordinate with Dr./Col.Bill Myers as I believe he might havesomething of interest for a mini-fest. - Ed]

Dear Gram,

Don't think I've written to the gram since the trivia questions ended, but that doesn't mean I don't read it. While my hubby's away with the Army yet again (only 2 weeks, thank goodness - but unfortunately it was 2 weeks during the Summer Session. He's sorry to be missing that!) I've been reading the Gram more closely, to catch anything I may need to fill Bill in on before he gets back and gets to reading them on his own.

I had to laugh when I read Joe Boling's comments today re: Ron Waddell's listing of items for sale. I did look at his offerings, to match it up with Bill's Wish List. But I, too, had to get out my S&B and look things up. I wondered why no S&B numbers were listed, but figured I was just being too wishful or perhaps too obsessive-compulsive. After all, I have to assume that the whole world doesn't list things by S&B numbers the way we do!? Heaven knows, there may even be people out there, somewhere, who have never heard of S&B!??

Hope the Summer Sessions go well. Perhaps Bill and I will BOTH make it next year??

Kathy Myers

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Joe Boling

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Reference Books,  
by Roger Urce

Did you ever consider how many Reference Books/Catalogs we have for the notes we collect and the different numbers assigned to the notes? What prompted me to look was Joe's letter about Ron not using SB numbers in describing what was for sale.

Of course there is THE BOOK (aka "the Bible") that we all have, and the following:

The Standard Catalog of World Paper Money (Pick), in three volumes,

Military Payment Certificates (Schwan),  
Silent Witness (Fellers),  
Paper Money of the United States (Friedberg),  
Standard Catalog of United States Paper Money (Krause & Lemke)  
Prisoner of War and Concentration Camp Money of the 20th Century  
(Campbell),  
The Comprehensive Catalog of US Paper Money (Hessler & Chambliss),  
Chinese Bank Notes (Smith-Matras),  
Philippine Emergency and Guerrilla Currency of World War II (Shafer),  
British Armed Forces Special Vouchers (van Elmont).  
And lots more

Take a look, for example, at the \$5 Hawaii issue. It is listed in five of  
the references each, save one, with a catalog number.  
Remembered - SB #2202  
Friedberg - Fr #2301  
Pick - #37 (Volume II under Hawaii)  
Krause-Lemke - KL #1960  
Hessler-Chambliss - no catalog numbers used.

Philippine Guerrilla notes have Shafer and Pick numbers; Camp notes have  
Feller and Campbell numbers,  
BAFSV have van Elmont and Pick numbers, and so on. Perhaps, if one has a  
lot of free time, and the inclination, they could go through all  
the catalogs and compile a cross reference. This, of course, if there were  
no copyright issues.

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Answer next time.  
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I leave for Memphis this afternoon to return on Sunday with a detailed  
report and, hopefully some new notes for the collection. Unless I find an  
available laptop or computer at the show, the next Gram will be on  
Monday, 30 June. I know I should get a laptop, but I just can't seem to  
pull the trigger and purchase one.  
There are a number of reasons for this. I'd like something that could  
hold not only what I need for the Gram, but the book references we use  
assuming they are available on disc (DVD). Then there is the cost: FRNs  
for a laptop means less FRNs for notes!

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Dear Editor,

The new way of sending the gram appears to be working. I used to get question marks in place of quotation marks; ie. ?text? instead of "text". The new way seems to have cured this as well as removing the weird symbols. Thanks for all your efforts.

William E. Yanchick

Dear Editor,

My wife and I would like to attend the fest in port Clinton next year, but due to being retired on a very slim budget, we were contemplating bringing our camper and using it rather than the hotel room. Is this permissible and if so can you or someone send us some info on camp sites in the area? I am fairly new in the MPC collection arena, and the chance to meet the legendary Fred Schwan and his boss (plus just a few other legendary figures-ha), is something that has me somewhat pumped. Please let me know what is possible, and thanks for the ongoing MPC Gram, I look forward to every issue.

Dean Shelton and wife/boss Gerda

The wonderful state of Maine

[Dear Dean and Gerda - We would love to have you and I'm sure there must be a campsite in the area. I toss the question over to our Battalion Clerk who lives in the area - Ed]

Dear MPCGram,

I recently purchased (Bill Henderson, P.O. Box 73037, Puyallup, WA 98737) a collection of UNESCO coupons. He mentioned that he got indirectly from Larry Parker, a well known West Coast paper money dealer/collector from the 1980's and 90's. THANK YOU HOWARD!!!

Does anyone have any information about; 1) current location, if still with us, of Larry Parker, 2) UNESCO coupons, 3) other UNESCO coupon collectors.

David E. Seelye. See you at Memphis!!!

Dear Editor:

Here is my review of Endgame, 1945 by David Stafford. Not much numismatic content but a very interesting read.

Nancy Green

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Book Review - ENDGAME,  
by Nancy Green

I have finished reading Endgame, 1945 by David Stafford. It is a history of the end of WWII beginning with Hitlers birthday on April 20, 1945 and continuing through that summer. Stafford discusses the final events of the war in Europe and the plight of the ordinary citizen. Even with the armistice, there were continuing hostilities and tensions. Many people were far from their homes but their homes had been destroyed, their relatives were dead and many whose homeland had been taken over by the Soviets had no desire to be governed by Stalin and his armies. Unfortunately there were few references to money or monetary issues in the book. The first was an eye witness account of the salt mine at Merkers, a village in Thuringia where the Nazis had hidden their gold reserves after the US Eighth Air Force had dropped nearly twenty-three hundred tons of bombs on Berlin and almost totally demolished the Reichsbank as well as its printing presses, in February 1945. The Kaiserode Salt Works were 2,000 feet deep. Robert Reid, a BBC correspondent went into the mine and in a chamber about 600 feet long he reported that, The Floor was covered with sacks lying knee high arranged in neat little rows. Each sack was sealed and bore a red label. One of the Americans tore one open and lifted out a gold ingot. Clearly stamped on its end, in black-and-white lettering, could be seen the mint mark and serial number. In total there were four thousand such ingots hidden in the sacks. Reid further reported: I saw

hundreds upon hundreds of sacks, each of them containing one million German paper marks, each sack bearing its scarlet Reichsbank label and the amount it contained. Hundreds more contained US bills some two million dollars worth in total as well as thousands of French francs, British pounds, Norwegian kroners, Italian lire, Portuguese escudos and Spanish pesetas.

There was a mention of the illegal traffic in coupon (ration) books in The Netherlands but no details.



Finally, Stafford mentioned the use of cigarettes as currency:  
One of the minor industries in Berlin was the collecting of cigarette butts. Once these were amalgamated into new cigarettes they acted as valuable currency perhaps the most important item of barter and exchange that summer [1945]. For the very best, the going rate was between seven and ten marks per cigarette.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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What is the diagnostic for determining the authenticity of the Baltic State Punkte issue notes?

[I'm going to ask Kathy and Bill Myers to recuse themselves on this one, because it is through them that I first learned of this issue - Ed.]

Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:  
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Who printed the serial numbers on Allied Military Yen?

ANSWER: Two Gramsters had the correct answer, The California State Printer.

See Mail Call from Steve Swoish and Kathy Myers.

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EDITORIAL  
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Greeting from Memphis. Getting here was a bit of a chore with delayed flights causing me to miss the first portion of Lyn Knights World Paper Money auction, but thanks to Ski I did win one of the notes I was after. The second item, a set of Fanning Islands notes, got away from me, but that's a sad, sad story for another time.

Bidding was active, especially for Neil Shafer who had ten cards, only one of which was his, that he was shuffling. The chance of putting up the wrong card was always present, but Neil made it through unscathed. It was quite impressive to watch. Some highlights from the sale ( in order to save space and computer time, I'll put out a list of prices realized in a subsequent Gram) included a Cuban note autographed by none other than Fidel Castro that sold quickly, probably because old Fidel may not be signing too many more notes. Greenland, Pick P-M6 sold at a nice price and I recalled that the three note set I was able to get over twenty years ago when the Greenland government released a small hoard, cost me no where near \$390 per note. Guess I got a good deal back then. Last January at FUN I was shown a handmade specimen booklet of Italian AMC which contained examples of all denominations, some of which were specimens. The nicely done set

sold quickly. There was spirited bidding from the floor, the Internet, eBay and via telephone on a number of Russian issues. The final prices, as remarked by a number of bidders, were quite high. More to come. hopefully tomorrow.

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Dear Gram

Re Larry Parker and UNESCO coupons I sold Larry his set of those out of the Loeb collection I forget how many. I don't think anyone has seen Larry for years. Last time I saw him He looked very ill. His Replacement notes or portions of them are apparently coming on the market now.

Gary Snover

Dear Gram,

In response to the Chamion Corner question, the answer is the California State Printer.

Steve Swoish

Dear Gram,

Glad to see the Championship Questions back. And glad to see you're checking to see if we're paying attention. My first instinct for a response to the question was Stetcher-Traung. However, I recall recently seeing some interesting tidbits from Jim Downey, who tells us it was the CA State Printer in Sacramento who printed the serial numbers on the A Yen. Glad I read the gram.

I read with interest the Editors notes on identifying numbers/classification systems for the currency we deal with. Does make one think. Sorry, Ron - though the Gram is partial to S&B numbers, we certainly can't expect a listing of all numbers available for classification. And I, for one, don't have that much "free time" yet to tackle a cross-reference list. Maybe in my next retirement??

And to the couple from Maine who want to attend the Fest next year - hope they can make it. Though the Fest fees are quite reasonable, there are a number of campgrounds in the Port Clinton area that can be found by a "google" search of Port Clinton + campgrounds. There are even a few on the same road as the Holiday Inn. Since I've never been there, I can't say anything about them, but perhaps the locals can fill them in. Also, if they're retired military, there's the Camp Perry Training Site in Port Clinton that has some housing available. Good luck with your plans.

Kathy Myers

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Memphis Exhibits,  
by Roger Urce

There were a half dozen exhibits which I think were of interest to Gramsters. The first was a well laid out series of \$100 WW I bonds which featured

a Liberty loan with coupons, a first Liberty loan 4 1/4% gold bond with coupons (1932-1947), a second liberty loan with coupons (1927-1947), a third Liberty loan, gold, again at 4 1/4% with coupons (1928) and a 4 3/4% \$50 Victory Liberty loan bond with coupons. The exhibit also conatined a

Thrift Card booklet with some 25 cent Thrift Stamps and small displays of bond posters. The exhibit was put together, quite nicely, by Larry Schuffman. There were also two US Fractional Currency displays one which mimicked Hobo Nickels, in that the featured vignette on the host note, Fr 1265 10 cent, was altered in the same style as the nickels. The other display featured the second issued 25 cent note with a portrait of Geroge Washington.

A number of cases held back issues of Bank Note Reporter from 1974 and 1997 around which were one dollar silver certificates. It was interesting to note the ads and the prices for the notes; if only the dealers on the floor had those prices!

The most interesting exhibit, and the first prize winner in the World Paper Money category, was the Altered Note Display which contained an assortment of world bank notes and other pieces which had been altered, changed or redone for personal or political reasons, or just to increase the value of the note. Notes from China, Haiti, Mexico, the Philipppines and Argentina. Three US ten dollar notes were included, the first a regular issue yellow seal North Africa (Fr 2309); the third, a genuine regular issue FRN, series 1934A. In between was the note that had the yellow seal changed to green, an added Federal Reserve seal from the NY district (B), and altered serial numbers to remove the yellow ink. In doing so, the "artist" changed the font on the note. The legend went on to explain the alterations were made in case the North Africa note was recalled or devalued, which, as it turned out, was not. The winning exhibitor, by the way, was Neil Shafer.

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I found some new items that I did not know existed and added a number of notes to the collection. In the next few Grams I'll go into all of that and a few more reports on happenings at this year's show. Stay tuned and keep those letters coming.

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Dear Editor,

A LONG time ago, I wrote something about the yen-denominated AMC after talking with a collector at the last Charlotte ANA. He told me that his father was on active duty and was tasked to guard prisoners (from where?) in California who packed, crated and moved the crates to the docks for shipping to Japan. The serial numbers being printed on them at Sacramento as mentioned by Jim Downey reminded me about that conversation. The Master Sergeant Daniel

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Prices Realized WPM Auction - Memphis,  
by Roger Urce.

Below is a selection of notes and the prices realized from the World Paper Money section of Lyn Knight's auction in Memphis on Thursdayevening, June 26th:

China P-J98a VF+- \$700

Denmark 500 Kroner AU/UNCP-41d? - \$2300

Bank Of Indochina P6b? - UNC Specimen - solid serial number all zeros - \$360  
Bank Of Indochina 20 Francs P12A - Fine/VF \$1700  
Fanning Island - Complete note s/n 1851 and two half notes - Avg Fine/VF to Ch Fine/VF - \$1400  
[What kind of grade is "Ch - Fine/VF?" - and I'm still crying in my beer for not winning this one - Ed.]  
AMC 500 Francs - UNC - \$3900  
AMC Italy- Handmade specimen booklet - 1943 abd 1943a notes,- "overall wellpreserved" \$3600

Ivory Coast -Three notes:  
50 Centimes - P 6A - AU/UNC \$4400  
1 Franc - P7 - AU/UNC \$4600  
2 Francs - P8 - EF/AU \$4000

Four lots of Japanese AMC - Don't know if these sold as the prices at the close of the notes may have been minimum bids with no buyers, or the notes sold to Internet bidders:  
20 A Yen UNC \$520 (Bid estimates 650-850)  
100 A Yen UNC \$900 (850-1000)  
1000 B Yen Block letter B Abt Fine \$475 (750-1000)  
1000 B Yen Block letter E Abt Fine \$300 (200-350)

As mentioned prior there were four lots of MPC and, again, some may have sold to the Internet at minimum or they may not have sold. Estimate prices are again in parenthesis:  
Series 471 - \$1 - Replacement - Ch Fine/VF (there's that grade again) - \$1500 (2350-3000)  
Series 471 - \$10 - EF/AU - \$750 (1150-1350)  
Series 481 - 25 cents - Replacement - Ch-UNC - \$2100 (1500-3000)  
Series 661 - 10 cents - Specimen - all zeros - UNC - \$2600 (4000-6000)

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No one sent in an answer, so we will run the question for a third Gram. This one is not overly hard and you should be able to get the answer from Remembered.

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EDITORIAL

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Sending the Gram from Memphis was is no small way made possible by the efforts of the mpcman, David Seelye. Thanks Dave for the help. Dave and Harold shared a table and it was a great place to meet, store the briefcases and see some really cool stuff. More on that in later Grams.

We would like some reports from the Seminar as I am sure that it has been lots of fun and lots of things have happened which should be shared.

The M2C2 meeting was also quite informative with some interesting show and tells and I'll report on that in a Gram this week.

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Dear Gram,

YN auction lots known at this time:

A) CPMX 2008 minifest notes: 10 francs SN 00000067 and 00000140; and 50 francs SN 00000006.

B) Commonwealth of Australia War Savings Certificate, one pound, issued 26 Nov 1941, SB535a1 (with John Ash imprint).

C) State of New York World War Bonus bond (WWI), set of four denominations - \$1000, \$5000, \$10000, \$50000. Issued 1925 and 1928. Cancelled.

D) MFC Series Seminar 08 training notes, \$1, \$2, \$5, \$9, \$10, \$20. Printed on scrap MFC (series unrecorded).

E) Specimens of Series 1944 ski-denominated Allied fest certificates: 250 ski, 500 ski, 750 ski, 1000 ski.

F) Scrap ski AFC removed surreptitiously from Great Lakes Bank Note Company. All voided and cancelled. Some consecutive (duplicated) serials, some truncated serials. Plus other scrap not recognized as pertaining to any known AFC or MFC issue.

G) Federal Reserve Bank of China 100 yuan SB1121b - block 16 in gray (one-block color)

H) Belgium 50 francs/10 belgas 3 Jan 1944, signed "somewhere in Germany" 30 October 1944 with endearment to a loved one in CONUS.

I) Meng Chiang 10 yuan SB1032a, WITH IMPRINT, VG-F trimmed all four sides. Rare.

Sale will be Wednesday evening. Bids to [joeboling@aol.com](mailto:joeboling@aol.com) by midnight Tuesday.

Forgot to mention grades - lot G is fine; lot H is XF.

Joe Boling

Dear Editor,

I was hoping to see some reporting from The ANA Summer Seminar ?

David Klinger

[David, so was I - Ed.]

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Baltic State Punkte Notes,

by Joe Boling

In gram 1678 the championship corner question asks "What is the diagnostic for determining the authenticity of the Baltic State Punkte issue notes?" The principal diagnostic is presence of a watermark containing the words OST-- OST-- repeated across the note (it can appear "right side up" from either the face or the back). However, deceptive counterfeits of this watermark exist. Following is the text of an analysis that I did for a dealer last year. He had sent me four Wi In Nord notes, in denominations of 1,3,5, and 10 punkte. All were uniface, and were circulated to some or another extent; one had multiple folds and a wear hole at the center, along with a Nazi rubberstamp on the back and a corner clipped. Read the following through, then read what has been discovered SINCE that analysis.

8 January 2007 - The good thing I can say is that these are not modern computer-generated copies. But on the other hand, the Wi In Nord pieces are not at all like the Lettland piece [being examined along with them]. Now, I can't say that they are SUPPOSED to be the same - since we have no imprint on the Wi In Nord notes, we do not know if they were printed in the same plant as the Lettland piece (in which case I would expect them to be from the same technology). Here is what I found.

Lettland 1 punkt - letterpress face (both colors) and back, on fine wove paper, watermark OST--OST-- repeating in the paper. The under-print and the text plate overlap completely. It's hard to tell which color is on top in many places, but there are no gaps or cut-outs in the under-print plate for the major elements of the text/vignette plate.

Wi In Nord - all pieces - lithographed (not letterpress), face only, on somewhat more coarse wove paper. All four notes show varying degrees of wet-ink offset on the backs. The OST--OST-- watermark is printed on the face in some sort of greasy transparent ink that makes the paper translucent, thereby giving the appearance of a watermark being present in the paper. In addition to being visible by transmitted light (holding the note up to a bright source), this artificial watermark is also visible when holding the note to a light at a shallow angle, so that the light bounces off the surface of the face of the note to the viewer's eye - the printed "watermark" is clearly visible (very shiny) all over the face. This is not a true watermark.

Wi In Nord - the four denominations were all printed from the same master plate (or at least the plates were all prepared from the same master image), as shown by two plate defects (all four notes) in the words "Wi" and "Nord" at lower left (the W is broken in the right stroke; the N is broken (less obviously) in the left stroke). There are innumerable tiny defects (visible at 20x) in the fonts of the Wi In Nord notes that are

exactly replicated in all four denominations. The denomination numerals and certain other major elements of these lithographed notes do not overlap the under-print plate - there are cutouts in the underprint plate to accommodate the elements of the text/vignette plate. This is most easily visible on the 10 punkt note, where a thin white halo appears at the south edge of the numerals and of the letters PUNKT in the center. The registration of the two plates is superb on the other three pieces. The under-print lathe work on the Wi

In Nord notes is much denser (the lines are thicker) than the same lathe work on the Lettland note.

The circulation damage on the 3 punkt note is entirely credible. The note is separating from wear at the center. The horizontal folds are doubled exactly as they would be if the note were folded in half vertically and then subjected to stress at two different times essentially at one hundred degrees to that fold (not at a right angle). The Obercommando der Wehrmacht rubber stamp shows every evidence of having been hand-applied. So where are we? If the Wi In Nord notes were prepared by a field printing plant using other Baltic States punkt notes as models, they could well look exactly like what you have here - lithographed, with the under-print plates less detailed and with "cutouts" for the numerals and major lettering. If watermarked paper were unavailable, but in use (or planned for use) elsewhere, the field expedient watermark could well have been employed. In short, while the Wi In Nord notes are clearly not first-generation, they could still be genuine.

The circulation evidence on the 3 punkt note now comes into play. It does not appear to have been faked. Except for the Nazi stamp, which might add something to the value, the folds, wear, and missing corner would all reduce the value of a faked note, so one would not expect a faker to apply such damage. The other three notes also show handling evidence, although not nearly as severe. Perhaps a faker would mishandle his notes to that degree to keep them from looking too pristine. Hard to say. So now we get to the seller. Only you can tell whether he has been trustworthy in the past.

On balance, despite their looking really flaky, I like what I see. I'd take a chance on them. I'd also like to see a lot more of them, so if you are able to get any others, please let me see them, too. If these turn out to be bad, I'm a buyer. I love fakes for collectors.

NOW, WHAT ELSE HAS BEEN LEARNED?

At CPMX 2007, I obtained a Wi In Nord note that has all of the characteristics of the good Litauen and Lettland notes that had acquired to compare it to - letterpress printing on paper with a genuine in-the-paper watermark. I have now concluded that the notes I examined in January 2007, as described above, are modern fakes for collectors. At Memphis this year another dealer handed me five of them (1,1,3,5,10 punkte, all pristine UNC's). In the light available in the Memphis hall, I could not see the reflections off of the fake watermarks. I thus concluded that the watermarks were genuine. But the dealer was insistent that the quality of the press work on the Wi In Nord notes was greatly inferior to that on any of the other regional emissions that he had. I agreed with that. And upon further examination of the notes, I realized that I could see the reflected fake watermark on the note's margins only - it was invisible on the printed parts of the notes. I

therefore concluded (again erroneously) that the note printers were now applying the fake watermark before printing the main plates, thus masking it from view.

But guess what? When I showed the notes to Fred tonight back in Colorado Springs, the fake watermarks were clearly visible all over the notes - just like on the ones I had acquired in 2007. The difference is the light - here I am working close to a bright desk lamp. If I turn around and try to use the (dim) overhead light in the room, the fake watermark is virtually invisible in reflected light, but still apparent in transmitted light - the way the counterfeiter wants us to look for it. The moral of the story - when examining punkte notes, have a good light (had I reached for the light I carry on my belt, I would have been able to see the fake watermarks in the Memphis hall).

Be aware that there are also counterfeits for collectors of these notes that have no watermark at all - genuine OR faked. And don't forget the three-punkte piece that I examined in 2007, that has extensive circulation wear, a corner clipped, and a rubber stamp on the back - and a faked watermark.

Now, a few more comments. The notes with the faked watermarks have a distinct new-wood smell (like freshly cut lumber). The notes with legitimate watermarks smell like old paper. The wool on the sheep at the right is generally dark and lacking in detail on the fakes of both sorts (with or without fake watermark). However, that is not a universal defect, so don't tie your decisions to how many curls you can see on the sheep. Also, be aware that on a very heavily watermarked genuine note, the watermark can be visible in the margins just like you often see in a watermark window - the surface of the paper is disrupted by the watermark, and that can be seen. So, if you think you are seeing the faked watermark, get a good light and look for it all over the surface of the face (so far, that is where it is applied, although it may start showing up on backs at any time). Finally, among the notes with faked watermarks, all that I have seen except the one-punkt

notes show one or two very thin lines at the right margin of the face in the color of the text and vignettes (not seen on genuine notes). If you see such a line, let suspicion be your guide.

Happy hunting.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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As long as we are in the Baltics, the local credit notes from Estonia, the Port Kunda issues, were only in use for a short period in 1941 and 1942. What is the significance of the name "Port Kunda?"

Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:  
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What is the diagnostic for determining the authenticity of the Baltic State Punkte issue notes?

Joe Boling answered the question in detail in today's feature and we have another correct answer from Dave Frank in Mail Call.

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EDITORIAL

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The Baltic State Punkte issues are not your run of the mill issues and that is one of the features that attracted me to trying to complete a set. I purchased one note not too long ago from a dealer on eBay and when it arrived I looked it up in Remembered in record its purchase in the book. Reading the descriptive text I noted the existence of a watermark and upon examining my note discovered it was not there. A little digging found a response in a September 2007 Gram from Joe Boling to Bill and Kathy Myers explaining the watermark and other diagnostics. I brought the note to Memphis and had Joe look at it in person and he confirmed it to be a copy and not authentic. In conversation with Ian Marshall he showed me a number of Punkte issue which he felt were not authentic and upon examination they did in fact lack the watermark. Ian gave the notes to Joe and the result is his feature above.

There are dealers currently listing the notes on eBay, one stating that they have no watermark. These are advertised at about \$25 each. Another dealer indicates his notes are legitimate and is asking about \$70 each. The higher price seems to be for the real notes, but I would still heed Joe's advice and be suspicious.

On a technical matter. I have emailed binhost and explained the problem with the extra letters and graffiti some are experiencing in the Gram. I will report on their reply. In addition, it appears binhost is getting emails which are meant as replies to mpcgram@yahoo.com. I'll look into that also. Lastly, while composing this Gram I noticed that some of the text in the Mail Call section is underlined in dotted lines in blue. I have no explanation for this and do not know how it will effect the result.

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MAIL CALL: send mail to mpcgram@yahoo.com

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Dear Editor,

I wonder if the answer you are looking for is that the notes are printed on paper with the watermark OST. If this is the correct answer, then I have bad news for everyone. There have been counterfeit notes coming out of Lithuania for a few years now. Most are notes for Lithuania and WI IN Nord and were printed on non-watermarked paper. Just recently I have seen a new batch that are being printed on paper showing the OST watermark. Be very careful when buying these notes. My suggestion is to look at Juri Rudichs notes on EBay <http://cgi.ebay.com/LITHUANIA-WWII-German-Occup-10-PUNKTE-1945-UNC->

Genuine\_W0QQitemZ120093166698QQihZ002QQcategoryZ3173QQssPageNameZWDVWQQrdZ1QQcmdZViewItem. His notes are genuine.

Dave Frank

Dear Editor,

A couple of things. Dave sent me his T/5/E banknote with Arabic on the back and I have translated it and added it to my WWII Axis story.

I was really bored this week and decided to put an article about Cold War propaganda on the Internet. I have written about it for years in magazines, and now is a good time to go online.

I also need some help. I need a good high resolution scan of the genuine 100 ruble note that was parodied by the NTS (Pick 231). I also would like a good scan of the 100 shilling Austrian propaganda note with a corner torn off (who has torn off a piece here?). Please forward images to sgmbert@hotmail.com

Herb Friedman

Dear Editor,

There is a definitive answer to this question listed on E-Bay currently. It is item #310062961953 listed in the Military Payment section.

Dave Prentice

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The above 3 notes represent a note from each of the three ranges issued.  
due to spoilage (over aging) of certain batches.. How do you grade them?

They are nice, no marks or graffiti

They are US \$750 for the lot plus \$2 P&H, insurance or registration  
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SB 2301, Pick 83b, 5 pesos 1936 D3408546D, XF... US \$300.00 +p.h & ins,  
reg.

SB 2302. Pick 84b, 10 pesos 1936 D2111321D, F+ US \$250.00 +p. h & ins,  
reg.

These have been in my collection for many years

Mike Payton - papermoneymike@yahoo.com

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Sundman Lecture (Money as a Means of Propaganda), by Bill Myers - Thursday July 31

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IBNS Meeting/Educational Forum - Howard A Daniel III Saturday August 2nd, 1100 hrs, Room 312

Numismatics International Meeting/Educational Forum - Howard A. Daniel III, 1200 hrs, Room 312

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August 20 (set-up) 21-23 - <http://www.whitmanexpo.com/>

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[The item is a souvenir card which is nicely done - thanks for the info  
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TWIR10

by Fred Schwan

Today is the last day of the summer seminar and I am writing my first Gram report. That is bad. There is no excuse, but I will try. Roger made a mistake last week when he reported on Wed or Thur that he would not be able to get another Gram out before Memphis. There it was, my excuse to postpone a report. Even this one will not be comprehensive because the clock is clicking toward start of class today.

It has been a great two weeks. That is no surprise. The summer seminar is a great thing. I missed Memphis and that hurt. It really hurt, but I was not willing to do the kind of travel that Joe Boling and Wendell Wolka did to attend both.

Week one we had the largest MPC boot camp that we have ever had. We had nine students. I pumped them full of sheet number calculations and MPC collecting propaganda. Hm. That is not a very good word. I introduced them to the wonderful world of MPC. I hope that some of them have signed up for the Gram and will be reading this. Dan and Kathy Freeland were in that class. As an aside I introduced Kathy to the American Red Cross in World War II numismatic history. I think she is hooked (smile).

We also have nine students in the combined basic and advanced military numismatics seminar. It has indeed been a great week. All of the students were keen. I told them that there were two types of questions that I would not answer: Those that were beyond the scope of the class and those

that were beyond the scope of the instructor. Of course we had some of both, but they were kind to me when they were of the latter variety.

In my view this years advanced class came closer to what Warner and I had visualized six years ago. We had more guest lecturers on more subjects than ever before. I was also able to spend more time with the advanced class by keeping it late at noon and in the evening. The advanced class also went on a field trip to a private military museum. The reviews were good, but since I did not get to go, I will not comment and hope that Joe or some of the students will.

On the other hand the students did not seem to find the changes all that exciting. I look forward to hearing more comments from them along that line.

This morning the ski to MFC rate dropped to 3 ski/ \$1 MFC. This seemed to be because of the run away price of oil. With the prospect of a long holiday weekend, Fest HQ was forced to take action. At 1100 hrs, a conversion from AFC to MFC was ordered and concluded by the end of the day. Now Seminar students and Festers are on the same currency system.

I am departing early in the morning. I hope to have some adventures along the toad and also hope to report them in a more timely manner than I have from here at the seminar.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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The United States Armed Forces in Fiji issued coupons because of a coin shortage. What were the denominations and where were the coupons redeemable?

Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:  
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As long as we are in the Baltics, the local credit notes from Estonia, the Port Kunda issues, were only in use for a short period in 1941 and 1942. What is the significance of the name "Port Kunda?"

Two letters (see Mail Call) were received with the correct answers. I had the opportunity to get four of the Port Kunda notes while in Memphis and I did bring them home, at a very reasonable price I might add. I was feeling pretty good until I realized the 10 RUB. was not included and it is not easy to find. Then I discovered that there are countless signature combinations to make up a complete set. I guess you gotta take the good with the not so good. Anyway, I decided to try and get one copy of the 10 RUB and be content with a type set.

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EDITORIAL

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Mention was made of the American Red Cross in Fred's feature and the fact that Kathy Freeland expressed an interest. As it turns out, while in Memphis I met with Garry Arva of Clarksville, TN who has a collection of Red Cross Military Chits and a trial listing, in color, of part of his collection. Gary states that The American Red Cross has played a vital role in support of the American military since WW I. I was able to purchase a copy of the trial (1995) and found it to contain quite a diverse selection of chits in various designs and colors. A nice set of chits, denominated in pence and shillings for use in Britain was also featured. Most of the chits are from World War II and some are from the Viet Nam era. I'll have the book with me at the ANA in Baltimore. Gary Arva can be reached at: PO Box 2481, Clarksville TN 37042 or via email at:  
militarychits@hotmail.com

PS - I still have to report on the M2C2 meeting and some of my other finds and observances from Memphis, but that will wait until next week. Hope everyone had a nice 4th of July and remembered to fly the Flag!

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Dear Editor,  
It is a play on words. Port for Portland cement which the company produced and Kunda for the town the company was located in Estonia. The notes are also noted for the moose that appears in the logo.  
Bill & Kathy Myers

Dear Editor,  
The answer to the name Port Kunda on the cement factory credit notes is, Port stands for Portland Cement and Kunda is the location of the company in Estonia.  
Dave Frank

Dear Editor,  
Those who research the origin of the world's first coinage have long come to the conclusion that it was the Lydian electrum trite c. 600BC. Most authorities on the history of money say that coins were invented by merchants. They put their stamp on bullion to guaranty its weight or purity or both. Some sources claim that kings did this first. Both are wrong, according to Numismatic Researcher Michael E. Morotta who wrote this:  
"We do not have direct historical evidence for the origins of coinage. The theory that coins were invented to support trade is full of holes. So is the idea that kings invented coins. The only theory so far that does

not come with a set of serious internal problems is this: Coins were first struck by Lydians as a bonus payment to mercenaries. The tyrants were self-made men, not hereditary monarchs. The mercenaries were Ionian Greeks. This theory is the one most widely accepted by the primary researchers in numismatics."

That means that the world's very first coin was a Military Payment Coin (MPC). Do you agree?

Re: <http://rg.ancients.info/lion/article.html>

David Klinger

Dear Gram,

Just a note to let you know that along with my propaganda articles on WWII, Korea, and Vietnam propaganda currency I just finished an article on Cold War Propaganda Currency. If anyone has any notes that they think should be added to the story, drop me a line at [sgmbert@hotmail.com](mailto:sgmbert@hotmail.com) please.

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Herb Friedman

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[Editor's note - We have two contributing reporters for the Summer Seminar. Sparky's was received before Warner Talso's so I'll run Sparky's first. Warner's is in two parts, and the first one will run tomorrow.]

Report from the ANA Summer Seminar at Camp Leo May Forward  
By Mark Sparky Watson

Camp Leo May Forward opened at 1300, 29 Jun with nine students facing the onslaught of Instructors Schwan and Boling (though Boling was still TDY to Memphis and didnt show up until after class had dismissed on Sunday). After general introductions and some opening remarks by Schwan, the finance office opened and held pay-call. First, a training session was held with the new cadets running through the drill. Worthless training notes were used for the exercise with denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$9, \$10, and \$20 (if I recall correctly). Some veterans tried to get retrained but were denied the opportunity.

Next came the real pay-callin 1944 Skis 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, and 75 denominations. Of course, trading ensued with everyone swapping for special serial numbers with the veterans mentoring the cadets about the secret coding of what a serial number 2 or 8 meant along with 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 12, etc. Some of the veterans also lamented about having to spend more money as they were assisting some fellow soldiers that could not make it but still wanted to have a Ski set. At that point, time had run out for the day, and class was dismissed.

On Monday, the class split into their two groups Basic with four cadets (under Schwans tutelage), and Advanced with five veterans (Boling's group). As I was in the Advanced group, someone (Cadet Hannah?) from the Basic group will have to write about what they did during the week.

On Monday and Tuesday, the class had guest instructors come in for the morning session, while the afternoon session consisted of individual research. The first guest instructor was John Kraljevich who gave an impressive talk about the medals and paper money of the American Revolution. Afterward, the class got to view some pieces from the period, and like World War II Remembered says, truly history in your hands. On Tuesday, the class had two instructors, Brian Fanton and myself. Brian talked about foreign coins struck at the U.S. Mint and the mint marks that they carry, and passed out examples from Curacao and Netherlands East Indies. I talked about war bonds, and yes, a large part of the talk was on Japanese bonds like always (there truly is THAT many of them). Also on Tuesday, all the students got travel pay (I think that was the reason but not real sure) consisting of an envelope containing 1944A Skis. No 1s or 2s were issued as

inflation at that point made them worthless. Additionally, an 80 Ski was seen. I cannot vouch for any others in circulation though specimens of 250, 500, 750, and 1000 Skis are known.

Wednesday morning, the Advanced class went on a field trip to a private museum east of Colorado Springs. While the museum (actually more of a private collection that was on display) did not hold much from a numismatic sense (some AMC was seen here and there along with military decorations), it did have many vehicles (all in running condition except two) along with uniforms, weaponry, and other auxiliary items. Unfortunately, the tour was over quickly so the class could not get a true feel for what was being shown. Wednesday afternoon, instead of the students doing independent research, Ken Hallenback gave two talks

military decorations and rationing. As two of the veterans were doing projects dealing with rationing and the OPA, they gleaned some information from that talk.

For the last day of class, the instructors switched rooms, and Schwan talked to the advanced class about items from Germany like the Konversionskasse, lottery tickets, and validation certificates. Throughout the week, Schwan had talked to the class after the session had been dismissed and covered areas like trench art, the creation of EE Savings Bonds, and the Series 692 book. Just prior to lunch, the finance office locked the doors, and a conversion was held with Skis being converted to the current series of MFC, with the exchange rate being 3 Skis for 1 Dollar.

Thursday afternoon, the Advanced students presented their talks to the combined class. Veteran Drew talked about rationing checks; Freyser on OPA tokens; Talso on ephemera and exnumia of U.S. Savings bonds; Troxell on Polish ghetto scrip; and myself on Postal Savings Certificates from India. At 1600, 3 Jul, Camp Leo May Forward was closed until 2009.

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What, if any, is the significance of today's date as it relates to our hobby?

Answer next time.

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The United States Armed Forces in Fiji issued coupons because of a coin shortage. What were the denominations and where were the coupons redeemable?

Bill and Kathy Myers answered correctly. See their letter in Mail Call.

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EDITORIAL  
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Most of us are aware of journalist Tom Brokaw's book The Greatest Generation. One chapter in the book is devoted to James and Dorothy Dowling. I am acquainted with Jim as we live in the same town here on Long Island and I see him on a semi-regular basis. Jim was a bombardier/navigator with the 445th Air Wing of the 8th Air Force stationed in England during WW II. On his eleventh mission his B-24 was shot down and he bailed out and was captured by the Germans and interned

in Stalag Luft I which is located near Barth, Germany. He wound up spending eight months as a POW. Recently we got to talking about his experience and I asked him what kind of currency or special money he used while a POW. He told me there was no money at all. Everything was done on the barter system. Every week right after his capture he and his fellow prisoners, who, by the way were well treated, would get Red Cross packages which contained, toilet article,

cigarettes, chocolate, spam and other personal items. Since he was a non-smoker he traded cigarettes for the chocolate and the spam and was even able to trade with the Germans for the potatoes and cauliflower they would grow in the camp gardens. All in all not so bad until December of 1944 when the Battle of the Bulge began. Then the Red Cross packages would come every other week and as the German Army started to fall back in January of 1945, the packages only came one a month. Things were getting a little tight but the camp was soon liberated by the Russian Army. As it turned out, not smoking and eating a lot of Spam must have been very good for him as Jim is in his mid-eighties and is very trim and agile.

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Bill & Kathy Myers

Dear Editor,

Concerning David Klinger's letter, I would have to say that I agree with him and Michael Morotta. However, without more proof, saying that Lydian coins were used to pay mercenaries is just speculation. While it does make sense, without some textual evidence or something more concrete, it is a theory, though a very plausible one at that. Yet there are definitely ancient coins that could qualify as "MPC's." Perhaps the best example of this would be Marc Antony Legionary Denarii. These were debased silver coins issued by Marc Antony to his troops before the battle of Actium. There are a myriad of other examples in the ancient world of coins struck specifically for military purposes, and perhaps early Lydian coins are among them.

Sam Spiegel

Dear Editor,

Under the Banknotes category, there is a HUGE number of MPCs offered in the upcoming Lockdales Auction. They can be found at

<http://www.lockdales.com/AuctionBanknotes.htm>.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Editor,

I can't answer the question about Baltic State Punkte issue notes, but I did find this detailed catalog of these issues:

[http://www.hot.ee/rudich/Text\\_files/Articles/World\\_%20War.catalog.htm](http://www.hot.ee/rudich/Text_files/Articles/World_%20War.catalog.htm)

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Summer Seminar 2008 Report - Part One,  
by Warner Talso

Summer Seminar 2008 is now history. As usual, the Military Numismatics class was a very satisfying experience. Events began with a mini-fest on Saturday, June 28th, at the Colorado Coin Show. I drove up from Albuquerque and arrived just in time to register for SS [Summer Seminar], meet Fred and attend the mini-fest. There were four attendees: Sparky Watson, Fred Schwan, Larry Gibbs, and myself. As usual, Larry Gibbs prepared the mini-fest notes. After show-and-tell, we each received two One Hundred Dollar Military Mini-Fest Certificates, series 086. (I have serial number G00000002G, if anyone cares.) Depending on how Larry handles the extra notes, this means there are only eight notes in circulation. [Any available notes can be auction off with the proceeds going to the scholarship fund - Ed.]

Note that neither Joe Boling nor Wendell Wolka, two normally dependable attendees, were present. As has happened the last several years, SS conflicted with the Memphis Show. Both of these individuals attended Memphis and then flew back to Colorado Springs , arriving late Sunday. Something needs to be done about this conflict. How many less dedicated people did not attend SS due to the conflict of timing?

SS opening ceremonies were Saturday afternoon. The new executive Director of the ANA, Larry Shepard, introduced himself. The Project Manager for SS is now Susan McMillan. She did an excellent job of managing the SS. Gail Baker is back as an adviser to Susan. Gail was a welcome surprise and, as expected, was very helpful and always a positive influence.

Fred gave the class introduction on Sunday. Joe was still en-route, so Freds odd couple routine lacked a little of its usual spark. There were nine people enrolled in the Military Numismatics class; four in the basic class and five in the advanced class. There two YNs; one in the basic class and one in the advanced class.

We had pay call. There was an explanation of the World War II Army re-enactment process of which all festers and seminarians are familiar. I was pay officer and Alex Troxell (YN) was my assistant. We demonstrated the pay call procedure with training scrip. We then asked any basic (new) students if they wanted to practice. As usual, nobody spoke up. Then Dick Freyser (advanced student) poked his wife, Loretta (basic student), and urged her to practice, whispering to her that she got to keep the training scrip. After some urging by advanced students, the others started to get the picture and volunteered to practice. It always starts out this way as the new people gradually get the idea that MFC has real value.

We were paid in the scrip of the Theater of Operations denominated in Skis. (I wonder where that idea came from?). The values of the notes were 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 25, 50, and 75 Skis. An observant person noted there were denominations of 250, 500, 750, and 1000 Skis in the Battalion Clerks cash box. But, none were issued. The initial exchange rate was 1.4 Skis to the U.S. dollar.

To be continued

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Where was the Curragh Internment Camp located and which POW's were interned there?

Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:  
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What, if any, is the significance of today's date as it relates to our hobby?

Bill and Kathy Myers answered correctly. See their letter in Mail Call.

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EDITORIAL

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Yesterday's question fits in with the discussion on when World War II began. There were a number of responses, all of which had merit, but I think the general consensus is that the shooting war began with the Marco Polo Bridge incident. It took a few more years to get all 62 countries involved, but I have to think Japan got the ball rolling. This is the point at which the philatelic portion of the next edition of Remembered will begin. It will end with the Allied Military Government (AMG) and major occupation issue stamps. The project will take some time, but so will the next edition.

There was mention of the currency at the Seminar denominated in "Skis". Can someone please send some scans so I can post them to the website as I'm sure there is interest as to what they look like?

I mentioned Neil Shafer's award for his exhibit in a previous Gram, but I did not mention that Neil, Joel and Brian Griese went to the airport together after the Memphis show. En-route, Joel was discussing the final night of Lyn Knight's auction and the fact that the eBay live portion was not working correctly. While the techs were repairing the problem, someone suggested that Neil talk to the assembled prospective bidders for a few minutes. Joel related that, for Dad, it was a dream come true: fifteen minutes of an open microphone with a captive audience. There were laughs, guffaws, some cat calls and applause. I only wish I could have been there. Fore those who missed it.....

Did you hear about the Marine sergeant who was dismissed from the service..because he was rotten to the corps! He was also given corporal punishment in a private area.

In times past the government was going to make 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 6c and more coins until someone moved denominations be closed.

Lady selling her donkey puts an ad in the paper: for sale, one donkey, with one problem- he breathes fire. She gets a caller who says to her, "Lady your ass is a dragon!"

What do you call an Egyptian bone specialist? A Cairo-practor...unless he's in de Nile!

Fellow walks into a psychiatrist's office, says he's having disturbing dreams. One night he dreams he's a wigwam, the next night a tepee. What's wrong? The doc immediately says, "You're two tents!"

Did you hear about the sharp-eyed pigeon that spotted the same car twice?

I can make this a regular feature; just let me know!!

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Dear Editor,

Currently on eBay, a new seller - lupes\_auctions\_r\_us - is auctioning off Chambliss copies as real notes. Everyone needs to report this fraud NOW!

Cheers,

Sparky

Dear Editor,

On July 7, 1937 there was a clash between Chinese and Japanese troops near the Marco Polo Bridge at Lugouqiao, outside Beijing starting the Second Sino-Japanese War.

Bill & Kathy Myers

Hi Everyone,

I just wanted to say that I am a Survivor of the 40th session of the summer seminar.

The week was wonderful. I had a blast. Could it get any better?

I learned a lot; however, now I also know I don't know anything when it comes to MPC. I just hope I remember what I learned for the next MPC Fest quiz.

I can't wait to go to the advanced class. Between the regular classes, bull sessions, YN auction and just visiting (really talking with everyone) there wasn't any time left to do any sightseeing. But for me I would rather have the classes.

I do want to say that with everything up until the very last night was a wish come true. Fred is great as a teacher and he made it fun. I could not have wished for anything better to happen, however it did. While waiting for our shuttle to arrive after the banquet, a car stopped and offered to drive us to our hotel. Dick, I and Marshall Turner received a ride to our hotel from none other than Ed Rochette and his wife. How can anything get better than that. They are wonderful and gracious people. That was the icing on the cake for me. Thanks to everyone who voted for me to get the scholarship. I truly appreciate it. I loved every second of the entire week.

Loretta Freyser

Dear Editor,

I've started to collect the POGS from this war. Does anyone have a good connection on getting them? so far I have complete series# 7 & 8. thanks for all your help.

Daniel in North Dakota. daniel@srt.com

[Hello Daniel - there are a few Gramsters who can help you along with your collection and I'm confident they will respond to your request - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

This point refers to an older Gram, no. 1664. Ray Czahorhad written about some smoking items he came across, some from one individual he named who

was R.G. Auckland of England. Not so well known is the fact that this same Mr. Auckland wrote an important little 48-page booklet published in 1972 titled Air-Dropped Propaganda Currency. I am in possession of one of them and it does cover a nice range of notes. We now know of more, of course, but for its time it was excellent.  
Neil Shafer.

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Master Sergeant Daniel

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August 28-30 - [forvm@cfl.rr.com](mailto:forvm@cfl.rr.com) or [www.brna.org](http://www.brna.org)

50th Virginia Numismatic Assn convention VCU Siegel Center, Richmond, VA  
September 11(set-up) 18-20 - [cash2274@comcast.net](mailto:cash2274@comcast.net)

Long Beach Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Expo,  
California, September 18-20 - [www.longbeachexpo.com](http://www.longbeachexpo.com)

World Paper Money Fair, Friday October 3rd and Saturday October 4th,  
Mermaid Conference Centre, off Puddledock, Blackfriars, London EC4

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St. Charles Convention Center, St. Louis, Oct. 16-18  
Lyn Knight auction  
[kfoley2@wi.rr.com](mailto:kfoley2@wi.rr.com)

MOON (Minnesota Organization of Numismatics) Coin Show, Brooklyn Center,  
MN  
October 17-19 - [mooncoinclub@aol.com](mailto:mooncoinclub@aol.com)

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October 31 - November 1 - [www.indianastatenumisnatics.org](http://www.indianastatenumisnatics.org)

Santa Clara Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo, Santa Clara Convention Center

November 12(set-up) 13 -16 auction by Superior Galleries

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November 21-23 - auction by Bowere and Merena -

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Michigan State Numismatics Society, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, MI

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Gene Hessler to Receive the Farran Zerbe Award  
by David Klinger

Gene Hessler is the 2008 recipient of the American Numismatic Associations highest honor, the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award for Distinguished Service. He will be presented the accolade Aug. 2 during the Awards Banquet at the Worlds Fair of Money in Baltimore. Hessler, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is best known in the numismatic world as a paper money expert, who coined the term syngraphics. He is the author of The Comprehensive Catalog of United States Paper Money, which garnered the Nathan Gold Memorial Award and the Robert Friedberg Award; An Illustrated; U.S. Essay, Proof & Specimen Notes; The Engravers Line: An; and The International Engravers. A prolific writer for numismatic periodicals, he edits Paper Money, the Society of Paper History of U.S. Loans, 1775-1898 Encyclopedia of Paper Money and Postage Stamp Art Line

Money Collectors journal.

From 1967-77, Hessler served as curator of the Chase Manhattan Bank Money Museum in

New Yorks Rockefeller Center. He also became the first full-time curator of the Mercantile

Money Museum in St. Louis, where he worked from 1986-88.

An active advocate for the hobby, Hessler has been an expert source of numismatic

information for publications including Time, Newsweek and the

Encyclopedia Britannica;

appeared on radio and TV shows such as The Today Show, Wonderama, Voice of

America and Whats My Line?. His scripts for Money Talks, a daily National Public Radio

broadcast, earned him a Peabody Broadcasting Award nomination in 1993.

An accomplished trombonist, Hessler worked with music legends Stan

Kenton, Woody

Herman and Buddy Rich. As a member of Broadway pit orchestras for The Music Man,Camelot

Barbra Streisand, and a variety of other singers and entertainers in the 1950s and 60s.

Hessler won the ANAs Glenn Smedley Award in 1993, the Medal of Merit in 1995 and a

Presidential award in 1998. He received the Numismatic Ambassador Award in 1993 and the

Numismatic Literary Guilds Clemy Award in 2007.

The Farran Zerbe Memorial Award is given annually in recognition of numerous years of

outstanding, dedicated service to numismatics. Past winners include

Joseph E. Boling (2005),

Anthony J. Swiatek (2002), Arthur Kagin (2000), and Kenneth and Bert

Bressett (1998).

and a dozen other shows, he performed with Robert Preston, Julie Andrews,

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#### CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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How many types of noteswere prepared for the Cape Verde Islands and who prepared them?

As a bonus what were the dates and denominations?

Answer next time.

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#### PREVIOUS QUESTION:

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Where was the Curragh Internment Camp located and which POW's were interned there?

Frank Clark, David Frank in addition to Bill and Kathy Myers answered correctly.

See their responses in Mail Call.

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EDITORIAL

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First congratulations are in order to Gene Hessler on winning the ANA's highest honor, the Farran Zerbe Award for Distinguished Service. I have known Gene for a few years having first met him in Memphis where he was kind enough to sign his book *The Engraver's Line*. He is a true gentleman with an extensive amount of numismatic knowledge and a pleasure to chat with. The award is well deserved. There is a comprehensive article in the July issue of the *Numismatist*. It is well worth reading.

Secondly, thanks go to Sparky for the heads up on the MPC copies offered oneBay. See Mail Call for additional information. A search turned up only the one seller and I trust through the efforts of Gramsters, the lots will be removed and the seller notified (if he can't read the word "COPY" on the back of the notes) that he is selling fakes. When Carlson first produced the copies (with all good intentions) a discussion arose as to their possible misuse. This is not the first time the copies have been offered as some sort of rare printing or proof issue and Jack Lippencott will attest. Jack also suggested that a list of series/serial numbers be published here in the Gram so that we all know what to look for. That list will appear tomorrow and I'll suggest we all keep a copy.

And lastly, I am gratified that we had a number of correct answers to the Curragh Camp question. Also note that the POWs were permitted to leave the camp on the honor system to visit the local town. None attempted escape while on the leaves, but some did attempt escape while confined in the camp!

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Dear Editor,

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Steve Swoish

Dear Editor

Re: Sparky's comment on the Chambliss Reproductions for sale on eBay. I'd like to have the Serial Numbers of all the notes used as they appear for sale occasionally and I do not want to buy a set of these for reference. Your thoughts??? Best to you  
Jack Lippincott

Dear Editor,  
There is another seller on eBay selling Chambliss copies as originals. It is [lupes\\_auctions\\_r\\_us](http://lupes_auctions_r_us). They have already received bids and should be shut down. Please put a notice in the Gram and encourage the readers to inundate Ebay with requests to cancel the auctions. Here is the link to the seller's auctions  
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Jim Downey

Dear Editor,  
CHECK OUT THE COPY MPC REPLACEMENTS ON EBAY BEING SOLD AS REAL. WHY NO SCANS OF THE BACK OF THE NOTES? CAVEAT EMPTOR  
M. Kelly

Dear Editor,  
Curragh is in Ireland southwest of Dublin.  
Allied and Axis personnel were interned there.  
Frank Clark

Dear Editor,  
The camp is located southwest of Dublin, Ireland. Allied and Axis prisoners were interned there.  
Bill & Kathy Myers

Dear Editor,  
The Curragh Internment Camp was located outside of Dublin, Ireland. Since Ireland was a neutral country the camp held 60 airman POWs from Germany (Luftwaffe) and 40 RAF airman from Great Britain, Canada, Poland, Free French, and 1 American. The camp also held members of the Irish Republican Army.  
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Summer Seminar 2008, Part Two.  
by Warner Talso

Now having read Sparkys account of SS, I will try not to repeat his observations, but add to them.

After pay call on Sunday, the bond office was opened and all were encouraged to exercise their patriotic duty and buy bonds. As all Gramsters know, one of the opportunities at SS is to purchase Military Fest Bonds. These Bonds are sold to promote world peace, promote the study and collecting of military numismatica, and for the amusement of collectors. Purchase of Bonds directly affects the integrity and stability of the MFC currency system and hence the success of SS. It is the patriotic duty of all Seminararians to buy Bonds. The current Series 9 bonds, introduced at FEST IX, were sold. All bonds purchased had a special over-stamp commemorating SS. Despite some rumors, there are no plans to make Military Fest Bonds available through the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Postal Service or FDIC sanctioned banks.

I would add to the Brian Fanton presentation. He started by asking what was the first coin to have a P mint mark from the Philadelphia mint. Then called our attention to the article in the June issue of the Numismatist by Gramster Bill Myers. He then expanded on that outstanding article with samples of the actual coins.

I asked Brian (from Cedar Rapids , Iowa ) if the floods had affected him. We got a very personal account of the damage since his coin shop was under ten feet of water. He recounted some of the other problems. It really put a human face on the disaster.

Fred introduced the topic of American Red Cross military chits. There were over 400 ARC clubs in England prior to D-Day and many more were established in the combat zones of WWII. This is a fertile area for collectors. As a result of the discussion, Dick Freyser accepted the task of investigating if the Salvation Army established similar clubs and perhaps used chits.

Another related topic were chits from the TOC H clubs. Apparently a British sponsored service club organization, there was much speculation on the origins of TOC H. My conclusion is that these clubs evolved from the Talbot House of WWI.

The Thursday night banquet was notable for two events. First the Military Numismatics class embarrassed themselves, as usual, when our instructors were introduced. We stood and chanted T-O-C-H to the tune of Y-M-C-A.

(see above) (For those who havent attended a SS banquet, all the

instructors are individually introduced and given a certificate of appreciation. The students of their classes applaud respectfully with varying degrees of enthusiasm. Except, of course, those of the Military Numismatic class. We always have some over-the-top display that lets everyone know who we are.) Second, Larry Shepard announced that the lawsuit brought by the ANA against John Nebel and three former ANA employees has been settled. This was good news and there were several comments heard that the ANA could now move forward and concentrate on numismatics. On this positive note, Summer Seminar concluded.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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What are vaglia stampigliate? And no it's not Irish!  
Bonus points if you can correctly pronounce it.

Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:  
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How many types of notes were prepared for the Cape Verde Islands and who prepared them?  
As a bonus what were the dates and denominations?

Bill and Kathy Myers have answered correctly again:  
There are two types by Bradbury, Wilkinson. 50 & 100 escudos of 1 AUG 1941 (Same as 1921 issue). 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 escudos 16 NOV 1945 that have crest of bank at left and new vignette of Bartholomeu Dias. Both on paper without a watermark

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EDITORIAL  
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The Gram has flexed its muscles and was able to get some copies removed from eBay and save the MPC collecting public some FRNs. A good deed done and kudos to Sparky, Steve Swoish and the others who sounded the alarm.

The following is a listing of the series/serial and position numbers of the Chambliss copies:

Series 461

5 cents A01731232A 49  
10 cents A03255767A 71  
25 cents A00196523A 25  
50 cents A03672356A 40  
\$1 A00153528A 20  
\$5 A00391981A 49  
\$10 A25062447A 33

Series 471

5 cents B04694637B 83  
10 cents B03182046B 62  
25 cents B00629135B 79

50 cents B00295329B 37  
\$1 B01824356B 19  
\$5 B01993231B 50  
\$10 B03285438B 11

Series 472

5 cents C00344942C 44  
10 cents C07075721C 45  
25 cents C03040454C 45  
50 cents C01918294C 72  
\$1 C05988112C 49  
\$5 C03842761C 31  
\$10 C05450328C 32

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10 cents D0014633319  
25 cents D12755552D 83  
50 cents D01818435D 60  
\$1 D04579611D 13  
\$5 D10602400D 66  
\$10 D04043893D 6

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10 cents E11820844E 50  
25 cents E07190225E 59  
50 cents E00032499 5  
\$1 E05028951E 69  
\$5 E00133939E 17  
\$10 E01041643E 31

Series 541

5 cents F01762197F 53  
10 cents F00603051F 76  
25 cents F00096671F 13  
50 cents F10628325F 79  
\$1 F08623379F 28  
\$5 F02220829F 28  
\$10 F11073922F 35

Series 591

5 cents G02286932G 34  
10 cents G01928332G 74  
25 cents G00040646G 6  
50 cents G00909961G 30  
\$1 G02536357G 38  
\$5 G00041789G 6  
\$10 G01257678G 8

Series 611

5 cents H00232941 30  
10 cents H00282760H 36  
25 cents H05352001H 82

50 cents H02772283H 11  
\$1 H06517905H 45  
\$5 H00042785 6  
\$10 H03870013H 34

Series 641  
5cents J00994601 41  
10 centsJ14683110J 72  
25 cents J11405390J 82  
50 cents J03242310J 70  
\$1 J02109552J 54  
\$5 J06714955J 40  
\$10 J18284995J 36

Series 651  
5 cents A03947854A 74  
10 cents A03237519A 69  
25 cents A02482238A 59  
50 cents A02010690A 84  
\$1 A05074515A 5  
\$5 A01245753A 6  
\$10 A00272817A 35

Series 661  
5 centsB22882604B 5  
10 cents B00058401 8  
25 cents B11027788B 35  
50 cents B07023541B 38  
\$1 B00306851 39  
\$5 B00027020 4  
\$10 B01899970B 38  
\$20 B00008075 2

Series 681  
5 cents C00120231 16  
10 cents C05207350C 63  
25 centsC08213655C 19  
50 cents C00312611 40  
\$1C00016037 3  
\$5 C00437122C 5  
\$10C00296005 38  
\$20 C00774964C 47

Series 692  
5 cents E08198418E 17  
10 cents E00346228 44  
25 cents E07192421E 60  
50 cents E04700718E 84  
\$1 E15309418E 24  
\$5 E02586745E 24  
\$10 E00265949E 34  
\$20 E00147647E 19

Series 691 - First Printing

\$1 D03903888D 68  
\$5 D01519906D 40  
\$10 D00099997D 13  
\$20 D01822912D28

Series 691 - Second Printing

\$1 D10322033D 31  
\$5 D02560073D 16  
\$10 D02784034D 14  
\$20 D04723067D 6

Series 701

\$1 F10352130F 35  
\$5 F02722064F 1  
\$10 F02626029F17  
\$20 F07328044F 5

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MAIL CALL: send mail to mpcgram@yahoo.com  
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Dear Editor,  
TheeBay auction for the Chambliss copies have been removed already by eBay.  
Less than 24 hrs. after I called, so that is great, fast service. The seller told me he is not the owner, just listed them for someone. I guess he just FORGOT to list the backs, right? :)  
Steve Swoish

Dear Gram,  
There is a list of the Chambliss copy serial numbers in the current (7th) edition of the Comprehensive Catalog of US Paper Money. Ironically, this edition is the first with coauthor Carlson Chambliss. I had not thought about it, but I guess that we should put the list in the next MPC book too.  
Fred

Dear Editor,  
I know there have been some issues lately with the [www.papermoneyworld.net](http://www.papermoneyworld.net) website, but I think it would be an appropriate place to list the numbers of the Chambliss copies.  
Jim Downey  
[Jim has an excellent idea - I will post the serial numbers to the website also- Ed.]

Dear Editor,

I happened upon a small hoard of JIM a few weeks ago. The vast majority were the usual notes from the Philippines in pretty rough shape. However one note caught my attention because Ive never seen anything like it. The original owner wrote the following on the holder; Japanese Invasion Currency of Manchuria. 100 Yen Bank Note He also wrote; One side Prince of Imperial Family. Other side Treasury Bldg in Koyoto  
I looked in the Standard Catalog of World paper Money, 11th Edition, General Issues 1368 1960. First I looked to see if any notes were listed for Manchuria and found nothing. Then, I looked under China/Military and on page 323 1945 ND Hong Kong Issues I found that M28 was similar to my note. The design is the same, but the lettering different. I then looked under Japan and on page 711 1930 1931 ND Issue found that it was similar to #42. Again the lettering was different. Finally, under Bank of Japan on Page 713 #57 is similar and on Page 715 #89 is similar.  
I wonder if any of my fellow Gram readers have an idea what this note might be or what reference book I might check?

Thanks,

John Watta

[Dear John -Please send a scan of the noteso I can post itto the website - that will make it easier to identify - Ed.]

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WANTED SECTION:

Collectors may submit lists of items wanted for their collections for listing here.

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Dear Editor,

I am new to receiving your mpcgram messages and would like to have this list of 1 centavo notes that I need placed in your items wanted section. There are a lot of other items I need in other denominations but I will try these and see how it goes.

PI-102 notes needed

PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PH, PI, PJ, PM, PO, PP, and PV.

My e-mail address is rpapagno@aol.com

Thank you, Bob Papagno

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TWIR11

by Fred Schwan

Last week I forgot two things. Right now I can only remember one of those. Operation Birthday worked great. Thank you very much to all who sent cards. Judy loved them. Two people called and sang to her and another showed up for a personal celebration. The Gram is great and the family/community is super (I was going to say wonderful, but I was mindful that David Klinger (and possibly others) count the times that I use it).

Roger mentioned an acquaintance who is a WWII POW. First and foremost of course, I tip my hat to the gentleman. Roger mentioned the imprisonment of the fellow. Roger called it internment. I have always felt (and feel) that the use of the word internment with respect to a POW was incorrect or at least inaccurate. I feel that it is best if we reserve the word internment to refer to non POWs held during war. The legal status difference between the two groups are important and sometimes reflect in the numismatic relics. Having said this, I cannot find firm support in dictionaries to support my position. I do not have a printed unabridged dictionary at hand, but the on-line versions do not support the distinction that I am making. Nonetheless, because we deal with/study both POWs and internees, I will continue to make this distinction and suggest that we try to adopt this use. What do you think.

Gene Hessler is the 2008 recipient of the Farren Zerbe award--the highest award of the American Numismatic Association! This is great news and a spectacular choice by the ANA board of governors. Gene is not (yet) a Fester, but he is certainly a friend of MPC having done research on the various vignettes and artists associated with MPC. I hope to be at the convention banquet for the presentation of the award. I know that the Cincinnati Numismatic Association is planning on being there in force. If there is any chance that you can be there, you should be. As a bonus, I assume that there will be an issue of Convention Fest Certificates honoring Gene. These were issued for the previous several recipients, so I assume that there will be a set for Gene too.

I tried to look on the ANA web site to see if you could still apply for a non-competitive exhibit at Baltimore in order to earn a free banquet ticket. The site crashed my browser (safari). It has done that before so you are on your own for that. If you are a judge (as you should be), you can probably still get a judging assignment and earn a ticket.

While on the exhibit/judging subject, I have to make a few more comments. Baltimore will be the first year with the revised exhibit categories. The new categories are good for exhibitors in at least a few ways. If I want to exhibit WWII paper money, I can enter exhibits in both European and Asian categories. This increases my chances of taking home some trophies and at winning the big prize--the Howland Wood award. However, I am less comfortable about judging under the new arrangement. I was perfectly comfortable judging in several different paper money categories, but I am not at all comfortable judging European or Asian numismatics which very likely will be dominated by coins--possibly coins created before paper money was invented. I am uncomfortable enough that I declined a judging assignment (by not responding to an assignment solicitation). Probably (possibly) some experience will work out any kinks, but I am not comfortable with the situation.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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There are two notes in the Japanese Puppet Bank issues (Pick P-J series) for China which contain covert messages. Which ones are they?

Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:

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What are vaglia stampigliate? And no it's not Irish!  
Bonus points if you can correctly pronounce it.

There are three letters in MailCall about these Italian checks payable to the bearer. See Remembered on page 258. Steve Jinks came close with the phonetic pronunciation, however, stampigliate ends in a "e" which is pronounced as an "a" sound.

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EDITORIAL

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Fred makes a very valid point in his feature and I could (should) have been more precise with my terminology. There is, in my opinion, a distinction to be made between "internees" and "Prisoners of War". In Webster's New World Dictionary (1966 edition) the definition for internee states: "a person interned as a prisoner of war or enemy alien" Were not the American Japanese living in the United States just after Pearl Harbor called internees? The camps were internment camps as the occupants were not POWs but persons deemed to be a possible threat to US security. As it turned out they were not. A person who is under arms in a conflict and who is then captured by the other side should be defined as a POW. My dictionary is a little outdated; perhaps I'll go to the local library and look at the big one on the stand in the lobby and report of my findings there.

Ken Berger is still experiencing problems with extraneous letters and symbols. I am at a loss. No one from binhost has replied to my inquiry. Copying over the Gram before sending it out has alleviated most of the problems as far as I know. Who else is having trouble besides Ken? Perhaps Ken can contact Juno to see if they can offer any solutions. As always, I'm open to suggestions.

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Dear Editor (and John Watta)

Come on, John - look in WWII Remembered! I am on the road without all my references at hand (they are buried in cartons out in the car). Your note has Prince Shotoku on the face (medieval politician who introduced the Chinese merit system for civil service to Japan, as well as many aspects of Confucianism). The back is a temple in Nara - I don't recall which, but it's named in SB. That design was used for three homeland notes (in many varieties) and three military yen notes (the colors are the principal discriminators). Compare yours to the listings in SB under homeland issues and military yen issues.

Joe

Dear Esteemed Editor of the 'Gram,  
With the permission of the editorial leadership and staff of the MPCGram,  
I would like to make available a one-page [both sides] listing of the  
information printed in the MPCGram Series 9, No 1685, Thursday, July  
10th, 2008, about the Chambliss Copies.  
I will send this to any 'Gramster who sends me a Self Addressed, Stamped  
Envelope [SASE]. Only one 42-cent stamp is needed on the return envelope.  
The requester should use a number 10 envelope [usual business sized  
envelope].  
If this is acceptable to the editorial leadership and staff of the 'Gram,  
please publish my snail-mail address which is as follows:  
Jay Jackson  
2018 Hollywood  
Nacogdoches, TX  
75964  
[Dear Jay - Thank you for your offer; I'm sure it will be well received -  
Ed.]

Dear Editor,  
Is there anything you can do about these strange characters in the Gram?  
It is making the Gram very difficult to read & when numbers are listed  
(such as the Chambliss notes), it is virtually impossible to determine  
what should & should not be there. I never had these problems in the  
past.  
Thanks,  
Ken

Dear Editor  
In regards to the pronunciation of vaglia stampigliate: How about vah-yah  
stom-peh-yah-tee? They are money order stamps.  
Steve Jinks

Dear Editor,  
The term vaglia stampigliate refers to WWII Italian occupation currency.  
They were denominated in Lira and were legal tender in Italy and in all  
territories' occupied by Italy.  
I saw a 100 Lira note recently for sale for 700 Euros.  
David Klinger

Dear Editor,  
Vaglis stampigliate are emergency circulating bearer checks released by  
Banca d' Italia as the allies invaded Italy. They look like checks but  
with the denomination printed on them and not payable to a specific  
individual.  
Bill & Kathy Myers

Dear Editor,

In David Klinger's piece on Gene Hessler he mentions that Gene coined the term 'syngraphist'. I always thought that Yasha Beresiner (Intercol) was the originator of the word.

Mike Crabb

Dear Editor,

You may want to advise the MPCites that read the Gram that we at Denly's have listed about 180 new notes to our MPC list and will be adding another 20 to 40 more next week that will include about 20 replacement notes (some are the lowest known serial numbers). List can be found at our web site [www.denlys.com](http://www.denlys.com). Many Thanks  
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Thank you, Bob Papagno

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[Editors note: This feature comes to us from Steve Feller and since it is a little on the long side, I'll run it in a number of parts]

The Economic Organisation of a P.O.W. Camp  
R. A. Radford, Economica, vol. 12, 1945

#### Introduction

After allowance has been made for abnormal circumstances, the social institutions, ideas and habits of groups in the outside world are to be found reflected in a Prisoner of War Camp. It is an unusual but a vital society.

One aspect of social organization is to be found in economic activity, and this, along with other manifestations of a group existence, is to be found in any P.O.W. camp. True, a prisoner is not dependent on his exertions for the provision of the necessities, or even the luxuries of life, but through his economic activity, the exchange of goods and services, his standard of material comfort is considerably enhanced. And this is a serious matter to the prisoner: he is not "playing at shops" even though the small scale of the transactions and the simple expression of comfort and wants in terms of cigarettes and jam, razor blades and writing paper, make the urgency of those needs difficult to appreciate, even by an ex-prisoner of some three months' standing.

Nevertheless, it cannot be too strongly emphasized that economic activities do not bulk so large in prison society as they do in the larger world. There can be little production; as has been said the prisoner is independent of his exertions for the provision of the necessities and luxuries of life; the emphasis lies in exchange and the media of exchange.

Everyone receives a roughly equal share of essentials; it is by trade that individual preferences are given expression and comfort increased. All at some time, and most people regularly, make exchanges of one sort or another.

Although a P.O.W. camp provides a living example of a simple economy which might be used as an alternative to the Robinson Crusoe economy beloved by the textbooks, and its simplicity renders the demonstration of certain economic hypotheses both amusing and instructive, it is suggested

that the principal significance is sociological. True, there is interest in observing the growth of economic institutions and customs in a brand new society, small and simple enough to prevent detail from obscuring the basic pattern and disequilibrium from obscuring the working of the system. But the essential interest lies in the universality and the spontaneity of this economic life; it came into existence not by conscious imitation but as a response to the immediate needs and circumstances. Any similarity between prison organization and outside organization arises from similar stimuli evoking similar responses. The following is as brief an account of the essential data as may render the narrative intelligible. The camps of which the writer had experience were Oflags and consequently the economy was not complicated by payments for work by the detaining power. They consisted normally of between 1,000 and 2,500 people, housed in a number of separate but intercommunicating bungalows, one company of 200 or so to a building. Each company formed a group within the main organization and inside the company the room and the messing syndicate, a voluntary and spontaneous group who fed together, formed the constituent units. Between individuals there was active trading in all consumer goods and in some services. Most trading was for food against cigarettes or other foodstuffs, but cigarettes rose from the status of a normal commodity to that of currency. RMk.s existed but had no circulation save for gambling debts, as few articles could be purchased with them from the canteen. Our supplies consisted of rations provided by the detaining power and (principally) the contents of Red Cross food parcels tinned milk, jam, butter, biscuits, bully, chocolate, sugar, etc., and cigarettes. So far the supplies to each person were equal and regular. Private parcels of clothing, toilet requisites and cigarettes were also received, and here equality ceased owing to the different numbers dispatched and the vagaries of the post. All these articles were the subject of trade and exchange.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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Who was the first person to purchase a set of Chambliss copies?  
[This was sent in by the purchaser and I'll ask Carlson to excuse himself from answering. The vast majority of answers will be guesses I suspect, so I'll provide a hint: the purchaser is a Fester]

Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:  
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There are two notes in the Japanese Puppet Bank issues (Pick P-J series) for China which contain covert messages. Which ones are they?

Answer: Central Bank of 50 cents of 1940 has the letters G,R,C,W,S located in the scrollwork in the top center of the back. Unscrambled they stand for the Central Government Will Return Soon. There are 5 Chinese characters hidden in Sun Yat

Sen mausoleum and trees of the face that have the same meeting. The note went through three printings and is found in red-brown, orange and purple.

Bill and Kathy Myers pointed out one note which answers the question. I'll give another: Look at

Japanese Puppet Bank issue P-J54a (SB 1068 on page 697) where the position of Confucius' hands is depicted in an obscene gesture so done to disrespect the Japanese. There is one more I am aware of - anyone?

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Previously mentioned was the fact that Dave Seelye and Harold Kroll had a table in Memphis which was more or less used by Gramsters/Festers as a base. One of the more interesting items that showed up at the table was a binder containing various items of Judaica. There were a number of 1920s notgeld notes from such places as Neustadt, Frankfurt-am-Main, Gorlitz, Brockau and Bremen along with some concentration camp notes. A 50RM from Buchenwald, a 10 pf from Dudenhofen and a 10 marks from Litzmannstadt. There were Nazi party Winter Help lottery tickets from 1936-1939 and Jewish lottery tickets from Litzmannstadt and the Lodz ghetto dated 1944. Postage stamps from Theresienstadt caught my attention and I'm working on trying to get examples for inclusion in the next edition of Remembered. There were a few examples of Jewish community scrip as well as reparation scrip, dated 1947, for displaced Jews as well as kosher food ration tickets from 1943 Hungary. One piece, as pointed out by Larry Smulczynski, appeared to be a new discovery and that was a Bordanweisung ship's money order for RM1 with a perforated date and serial number. Up to the present no issues have been seen with these perforations.

Two other items stood out: one was a poison gas tag from Auschwitz and the second an authentic yellow felt Star of David. Both were a little unnerving considering the circumstances under which they were used. The book was offered to David and it ultimately found its way to Joel Shafer. I suspect a number of the items will appear in an auction in the future.

There is still report due on the M2C2 meeting. John and Nancy Wilson were kind enough to take some pictures and once I get them I'll post them to the website and report on the meeting.

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[This message came from Don Wilkinson to Bill Haines - it's all self explanatory - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

If a MPCGram subscriber is a member of the CCC, they could attend and give us a report.

Bill Haines

To: All CCC Members

Attached is an invitation from new club member Danny Spungen.

Sincerely,

Carl Wolf

Secretary

Chicago Coin Club

773-878-8979 Fax 773-878-0301

carlwolfco@msn.com

Carl, I plan to be at the CCC meeting Saturday afternoon during the coin show. However, can you do me a favor and send this email out one more time + mention at Saturdays meeting. I got no RSVPs from the 1stemail on June 16th. Maybe because we are getting closer to July 20th, there might be some interest if people are not booked up. I am also attaching a map to my company + a new article that came outwhen I attended the ANA summer seminar. I am hoping at least one member from the CCC would come to see what the collection is all about (and what Im all about).

Danny Spungen - dannyspungen@whynotcollectibles.com

Dear Editor,

With regard to the coining of the word Syngraphics a a term for paper money collecting, Wayne Homren (editor of E-Sylum) reported in The E-Sylum: Volume 5, Number 29, July 14, 2002, as follows:

" Gene Hessler had a hand in coining the term. In response to my query he writes: "In 1974 I went to Reverend Richard Doyle, Chairman of the Department of Classical Languages at Fordham University in New York and made the request for a word. His creation was syngraphics.

The Greek syn, means with or together (as in synagogue -- a place where people come together), and graphikos, which means to write. In Latin, syngrapha means a written agreement to pay, a promissory note, a bond. The Oxford Dictionary defines paper money as "a written promise to pay." In the same source syngraph is defined "as a written contract or bond signed by both or all parties, an obligation or bond between two or more."

David Klinger

Dear Editor

Since you ASKED IF anyone else was experiencing a problem, I thought I'd let you know. I have "A's" throughout my Gram. I have the SAME problem with the copy of the Gram that I receive. Perhaps some 12 year old "geek" can fix it for us.

Thanks,

Don Taylor

Dear Editor,

You asked if you should include corny jokes in the Gram. I say keep the armor out of the Gram, i.e.no tanks!  
David Klinger

Dear Editor,  
Have to give you a few more details about that Lyn Knight auction evening when I was able to "share" some items with the captive audience. Joel was sitting in front to my right as I spoke, so to start with, I immediately brought him to the attention of the audience by telling them he was my son, and then I proceeded to introduce myself and go from there. Meantime Joel listened in shocked silence to a few of my items before finally ducking off the stage and to the back door just as they announced all was repaired and the auction could go on. As some applauded I made mention of the probability that they were glad that I was stopping, thus the applause. You can see why from those that Roger included. Someone said I should be on stage- the first stage out of town!  
Neil S. [ I just couldn't let this one go by - Ed.]

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Part II of the Feature sent to the Gram by Steve Feller.

The Economic Organisation of a P.O.W. Camp  
R. A. Radford, Economica, vol. 12, 1945

The development and organization of the market

Very soon after capture people realized that it was both undesirable and unnecessary, in view of the limited size and the equality of supplies, to give away or to accept gifts of cigarettes or food. "Goodwill" developed into trading as a more equitable means of maximizing individual satisfaction.

We reached a transit camp in Italy about a fortnight after capture and received 1/4 of a Red Cross food parcel each a week later. At once exchanges, already established, multiplied in volume. Starting with simple direct barter, such as a non-smoker giving a smoker friend his cigarette issue in exchange for a chocolate ration, more complex exchanges soon became an accepted custom. Stories circulated of a padre who started off round the camp with a tin of cheese and five cigarettes and returned to his bed with a complete parcel in addition to his original cheese and cigarettes; the market was not yet perfect. Within a week or two, as the volume of trade grew, rough scales of exchange values came into existence. Sikhs, who had at first exchanged tinned beef for practically any other foodstuff, began to insist on jam and margarine. It was realized that a tin of jam was worth 1/2 lb. of margarine plus something else; that a cigarette issue was worth several chocolates issues, and a tin of diced carrots was worth practically nothing.

In this camp we did not visit other bungalows very much and prices varied from place to place; hence the germ of truth in the story of the itinerant priest. By the end of a month, when we reached our permanent camp, there was a lively trade in all commodities and their relative values were well known, and expressed not in terms of one another one didn't quote bully in terms of sugar but in terms of cigarettes. The cigarette became the standard of value. In the permanent camp people started by wandering through the bungalows calling their offers "cheese for seven" (cigarettes) and the hours after parcel issue were Bedlam. The inconveniences of this system soon led to its replacement by an Exchange and Mart notice board in every bungalow, where under the

headings "name," "room number," "wanted" and "offered" sales and wants were advertised. When a deal went through, it was crossed off the board. The public and semi-permanent records of transactions led to cigarette prices being well known and thus tending to equality throughout the camp, although there were always opportunities for an astute trader to make a profit from arbitrage. With this development everyone, including non-smokers, was willing to sell for cigarettes, using them to buy at another time and place. Cigarettes became the normal currency, though, of course, barter was never extinguished.

The unity of the market and the prevalence of a single price varied directly with the general level of organization and comfort in the camp. A transit camp was always chaotic and uncomfortable: people were overcrowded, no one knew where anyone else was living, and few took the trouble to find out. Organization was too slender to include an Exchange and Mart board, and private advertisements were the most that appeared. Consequently a transit camp was not one market but many. The price of a tin of salmon is known to have varied by two cigarettes in 20 between one end of a hut and the other. Despite a high level of organization in Italy, the market was morcellated [I can't find a definition for this word - any help out there? Ed.] in this manner at the first transit camp we reached after our removal to Germany in the autumn of 1943. In this camp Stalag VIIA at Moosburg in Bavaria there were up to 50,000 prisoners of all nationalities. French,

Russians, Italians, and Jugo-Slavs were free to move about within the camp; British and Americans were confined to their compounds, although a few cigarettes given to a sentry would always procure permission for one or two men to visit other compounds. The people who first visited the highly organized French trading centre with its stalls and known prices found coffee extract relatively cheap among the tea-drinking English commanding a fancy price in biscuits or cigarettes, and some enterprising people made small fortunes that way. (Incidentally we found out later that much of the coffee went "over the wire" and sold for phenomenal prices at black market cafes in Munich: some of the French prisoners were said to have made substantial sums in RMk.s. This was one of the few occasions on which our normally closed economy came into contact with other economic worlds.)

Eventually public opinion grew hostile to these monopoly profits not everyone could make contact with the French and trading with them was put on a regulated basis. Each group of beds was given a quota of articles to offer and the transaction was carried out by accredited representatives from the British compound, with monopoly rights. The same method was used for trading with sentries elsewhere, as in this trade secrecy and reason able prices had a peculiar importance, but as is ever the case with regulated companies, the interloper proved too strong. The permanent camps in Germany saw the highest level of commercial organization. In addition to the Exchange and Mart notice boards, a shop was organized as a public utility, controlled by representatives of the Senior British Officer, on a no profit basis. People left their surplus clothing, toilet requisites and food there until they were sold at a fixed price in cigarettes. Only sales in cigarettes were accepted there was no barter and there was no higgling [haggling - Ed.]. For food at least there were standard prices: clothing is less homogeneous and the price was decided around a norm by the seller and the shop manager in

agreement; shirts would average say 80, ranging from 60 to 120 according to quality and age. Of food, the shop carried small stocks for convenience; the capital was provided by a loan from the bulk store of Red Cross cigarettes and repaid by a small commission taken on the first transactions. Thus the cigarette attained its fullest currency status, and the market was almost completely unified.

It is thus to be seen that a market came into existence without labour or production. The B.R.C.S. may be considered as "Nature" of the textbook, and the articles of trade food, clothing and cigarettes as free gifts land of manna. Despite this, and despite a roughly equal distribution of resources, a market came into spontaneous operation, and prices were fixed by the operation of supply and demand. It is difficult to reconcile this fact with the labour theory of value.

Actually there was an embryo labour market. Even when cigarettes were not scarce, there was usually some unlucky person willing to perform services for them. Laundrymen advertised at two cigarettes a garment. Battle-dress was scrubbed and pressed and a pair of trousers lent for the interim period for twelve. A good pastel portrait cost thirty or a tin of "Kam." Odd tailoring and other jobs similarly had their prices.

There were also entrepreneurial services. There was a coffee stall owner who sold tea, coffee or cocoa at two cigarettes a cup, buying his raw materials at market prices and hiring labour to gather fuel and to stoke; he actually enjoyed the services of a chartered accountant at one stage.

After a period of great prosperity he overreached himself and failed disastrously for several hundred cigarettes. Such large-scale private enterprise was rare but several middlemen or professional traders existed. The padre in Italy, or the men at Moosburg who opened trading relations with the French, are examples: the more subdivided the market, the less perfect the advertisement of prices, and the less stable the prices, the greater was the scope for these operators. One man capitalized his knowledge of Urdu by buying meat from the Sikhs and selling butter and jam in return: as his operations became better known more and more people entered this trade, prices in the

Indian Wing approximated more nearly to those elsewhere, though to the end a "contact" among the Indians was valuable, as linguistic difficulties prevented the trade from being quite free. Some were specialists in the Indian trade, the food, clothing or even the watch trade. Middlemen traded on their own account or on commission. Price rings and agreements were suspected and the traders certainly cooperated. Nor did they welcome newcomers. Unfortunately, the writer knows little of the workings of these people: public opinion was hostile and the professionals were usually of a retiring disposition.

One trader in food and cigarettes, operating in a period of dearth, enjoyed a high reputation. His capital, carefully saved, was originally about 50 cigarettes, with which he bought rations on issue days and held them until the price rose just before the next issue. He also picked up a little by arbitrage; several times a day he visited every Exchange or Mart notice board and took advantage of every discrepancy between prices of goods offered and wanted. His knowledge of prices, markets and names of those who had received cigarette parcels was phenomenal. By these means he kept himself smoking steadily his profits while his capital remained intact.

Sugar was issued on Saturday. About Tuesday two of us used to visit Sam and make a deal; as old customers he would advance as much of the price as he could spare us, and entered the transaction in a book. On Saturday morning he left cocoa tins on our beds for the ration, and picked them up on Saturday afternoon. We were hoping for a calendar at Christmas, but Sam failed too. He was left holding a big black treacle issue when the price fell, and in this weakened state was unable to withstand an unexpected arrival of parcels and the consequent price fluctuations. He paid in full, but from his capital. The next Tuesday, when I paid my usual visit he was out of business.

Credit entered into many, perhaps into most, transactions, in one form or another. Sam paid in advance as a rule for his purchases of future deliveries of sugar, but many buyers asked for credit, whether the commodity was sold spot or future. Naturally prices varied according to the terms of sale. A treacle ration might be advertised for four cigarettes now or five next week. And in the future market "bread now" was a vastly different thing from "bread Thursday." Bread was issued on Thursday and Monday, four and three days' rations respectively, and by Wednesday and Sunday night it had risen at least one cigarette per ration, from seven to eight, by supper time. One man always saved a ration to sell then at the peak price: his offer of "bread now" stood out on the board among a number of "bread Monday's" fetching one or two less, or not selling at all and he always smoked on Sunday night.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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Who was the first person to purchase a set of Chambliss copies?  
[This was sent in by the purchaser and I'll ask Carlson to excuse himself from answering. The vast majority of answers will be guesses I suspect, so I'll provide a hint: the purchaser is a Fester]

Bill and Kathy Myers guessed Joe Boling because he collects counterfeits and copies. A good try, but not correct. A few more of who it's not: Fred, Ski, Harold, Neal Shafer or myself (although I do have a set purchased from Carlson at Memphis when they first arrived on the scene)

Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:  
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There are two notes in the Japanese Puppet Bank issues (Pick P-J series) for China which contain covert messages. Which ones are they?

Answer: Central Bank of 50 cents of 1940 has the letters G, R, C, W, S located in the scrollwork in the top center of the back. Unscrambled they stand for the Central Government Will Return Soon. There are 5 Chinese characters hidden in Sun Yat Sen mausoleum and trees of the face that have the same meaning. The note went through three printings and is found in red-brown, orange and purple.

Bill and Kathy Myers pointed out one note which answers the question. I'll give another: Look at Japanese Puppet Bank issue P-J54a (SB 1068 on page 697) where the position of Confucius' hands is depicted in an obscene gesture so done to disrespect the Japanese. There is one more I am aware of - anyone

HI- the third Chinese note with a message is the Central Reserve Bank 200 Yuan of 1944. On either side there are two letters in English buried in the framework, US and AC = United States Army Coming, along with the year date 1945. This has always seemed to me to be the most well-known of all and yet it was not the first to be mentioned. It is P-J30, and SB1252 on p.723. The date is seen on the back with left end up as described in SB.

Neil S.

[Neil is correct - this is the note that first came to my mind]

I'll run Monday's question for one more Gram just in case anyone else cares to venture a guess.

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EDITORIAL  
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The M2C2 meeting was well attended, about 35 members and took up the whole hour of allotted time. There was no pay call as no funds had been received from either Camp Leo May (Ohio) or Camp Leo May Forward (Colorado) but there were two items available. The first was a souvenir card featuring a 100 Pound (Sterling) Konversionskasse bond. The card was made to commemorate the 40th Annual Summer Seminar and was crafted by Harold Kroll. These were available for sale. Contact Harold at Harbonds@aol.com for additional information and ordering. Supplies are limited. A 10 Rupee JIM note over-stamped "IPMS MINIFEST - JUNE 26-29 2008 MEMPHIS TN." was also given out to all participants as a souvenir by Harold Kroll.

There were a number of interesting presentations and I remember remarking that all would make great feature articles for the Gram. I'll mention some and hope the presenters will take the hint and expand:

Joe Boling showed the gathering a Nigerian Guerrilla note of modern origin; Neil Shafer provided a Russian propaganda note printed by the Germans; John and Nancy Wilson showed a GPO printing advertising buying bonds and an advertisement for WW I savings stamps; Dave Frank had a Readjusted Service Bond which was used as compensation for WW I veterans, many of whom gathered in protest in Washington DC and who were dispersed under the command of General Douglas MacArthur. Bill Haines had a WW II victory medal awarded to his grandfather who served in the Pacific.

Ray Feller showed us a Type 42 Confederate States of America interest bearing bond which she won in the SPMC raffle and Dad, Steve had a cool looking Last Day Cover from the isle of Jersey dated 8 May 1945 which was the last day of German occupation.

Larry Smulczenski showed us a \$25 Large size War Bond dated 12-7-42, over-stamped with a Pearl Harbor stamp. He also mentioned a second bond, won in the auction, but I'll leave that story to him.

Another story I hope either David Seelye or Larry will tell is of the 1/2 unit NAAFI unit token used in Suez/Cyprus which changed hands at the meeting.

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Dear Editor,

With respect to Mike Crabb's letter about the word "syngraphics" and Yasha Beresiner, he is actually referring to the word "notaphily" which Yasha did originate (but which is not personally satisfying to me). I believe Yasha's word was made fairly shortly before Gene's but Gene's is a winner. Also my personal congratulations to him on the Zerbe Award - well deserved!

Neil S.

Dear Editor,

On Saturday, August 2, at the IBNS Meeting, there will be a possible mini-Fest. If someone is going to have one, please contact me as soon as possible so I can schedule the time.

I am not sure if anyone at the ANA has knowledge of our mini-Fests but they have declared that on that same day, the first 400 people who can show them an active or retired military ID card, will get a gift. I have heard the gift will be one of the Presidential Dollar coins. This is great and I hope it continues into the future!

Courtesy of many donors and from some of my purchases of junk paper money to pass out to young and new numismatists, I have also been giving out an MPC, AMC or other military money to anyone I can identify as a veteran, and to all Boy and Girl Scouts.

See you at my Baltimore ANA club table for IBNS, NI, NBS, PCF, and military collectors.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

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WANTED SECTION:

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Dear Editor,

I am new to receiving your mpcgram messages and would like to have this list of 1 centavo notes that I need placed in your items wanted section. There are a lot of other items I need in other denominations but I will try these and see how it goes.

PI-102 notes needed

PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PH, PI, PJ, PM, PO, PP, and PV.

My e-mail address is rpapagno@aol.com

Thank you, Bob Papagno

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Philippine Collectors Forum - Friday August 1st, 1330 - 1730 hrs in Room 316;

IBNS Meeting/Educational Forum - Howard A Daniel III Saturday August 2nd, 1100 hrs, Room 312;

Numismatics International Meeting/Educational Forum - Howard A. Daniel III, 1200 hrs, Room 312;

A mini-fest is planned in conjunction with the IBNS meeting - contact the Master Sergeant Daniel

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August 28-30 - [forvm@cfl.rr.com](mailto:forvm@cfl.rr.com) or [www.brna.org](http://www.brna.org)

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September 11(set-up) 18-20 - [cash2274@comcast.net](mailto:cash2274@comcast.net)

Long Beach Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Expo,  
California, September 18-20 - [www.longbeachexpo.com](http://www.longbeachexpo.com)

World Paper Money Fair, Friday October 3rd and Saturday October 4th,  
Mermaid Conference Centre, off Puddledock, Blackfriars, London EC4

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October 17-19 - mooncoinclub@aol.com

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Santa Clara Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo, Santa Clara Convention  
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November 12(set-up) 13 -16 auction by Superior Galleries

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by Fred Schwan

I spent the entire day in Snoqualme, Washington. This must be the antique capital of the US if not the world. This little town has dozens of antique stores. Most of them are actually antique malls so hundreds of sellers are represented. I looked at many thousands of items. Many thousands. I was surprised how little World War II material was included in this vast array of stuff. I spent \$2.50.

I did learn some things. In one shop a squad of women were shinning ultraviolet lights on various glass items and making sounds ranging from

disgust to glee. I must say that they looked for all the world like paper money collectors. I am sure that they would have been equally surprised to see paper money collectors using UV lights. As you can imagine, I had to ask what they were looking for. The woman whom I asked told me that if the glass included uranium (that is what she said) it will react to the UV light. Furthermore, they display such glassware in cabinets with built in UV lights to create a dramatic affect. I must admit that it is attractive--but I am not going to add another collecting area to full plate.

When I left home, I threw an old paper back book into my briefcase. It was a World War II history--my favorite reading--but it was not the type that I normally read. This looked like a fringe history, a shoot em up gore book or a romance novel except that the cover did not have a bikini clad hero/victim (or even shirtless hunk).

From the look of the book, at first I thought that it was from the 1940s possibly still during the war. The short length, thin margins, and yellowed pages fooled me. It was published in 1980 and I could not find any indication that it had been published earlier.

Still the old (very old) ranger in me was attracted by the subject and title, Merrills Marauders, by Edwin P. Hoyt. I did not know much about the famous unit nor its area of operations (Burma) and wanted to know more about both.

Here is the blurb from the back cover:

They began as an anonymous group of misfits and inexperienced soldiers, the 5307th Composite Brigade (Provisional), training in the blistering heat of India. They were toughened under the command of Brigadier General Frank D. Merrill and readied for battle against the Japanese deep inside North Burma. An American newsman christened them Merrills Marauders.

It was March of 1944 and the Allies poorly equipped Chinese forces were exhausted from months of fighting superior Japanese units. The Marauders would have to bear the brunt of the campaign. They marched 500 miles through terror-filled jungles and suffer the ravages of malaria, dysentery, typhus, and Japanese snipers. But they fought like lions, somehow achieving their mission, opening the way for the famed Burma Road and the end of the Japanese war machine.

This description seems about right. The book mostly describes the operations of the Marauders. The battle descriptions are not overly graphic while not glossy either. The operations are difficult to follow if you are not very familiar with Burmese geography (a failing of mine). Even a simple sketch map would be helpful.

The book is an easy read as I guessed from its look and I enjoyed it and I recommend it. My biggest reservation is that no references, documentation, or even claims of research are included. A very short statement on the cover says that it is a true story otherwise it might be taken as fiction. Only near the end of the book did the author make a few statements indicating some of the sources that he used. Specifically, he

mentions General Stillwells biography and some official reports. Other than that, the reader is left wondering what sources were used. Even now I would like to know if Hoyt had interviewed any Marauders.

I found only one place that indicated that the author did not know what he was talking about. It was one of those pesky little details that drive authors crazy (I know about these). At one point Hoyt says that a soldier was firing his M-1 rifle in semi automatic. That is no surprise since the M-1 could only be fired in semi automatic. Overall such details were correct. I was pleased that Hoyt got the capitalization of military ranks correct. That is he did not capitalize them when not used with the persons name. This is commonly done incorrectly even in otherwise excellent works.

I was interested to read several passages about OSS operations in Burma. In the first instance, the Marauders literally bumped into an OSS unit in the middle of the jungle. As absurd as it seems, this is consistent with other reading that I have done on the OSS in that part of the world.

I am always on the lookout for even the slightest bit of numismatic information. I did not expect to find anything in this book, but I was pleasantly surprised to find two bits. The lesser mention was a description of the men staging a mule race (they used pack animals extensively) and discovering that they did not have any money to wager. I took this as meaning that the men had not been paid in a very long time. This is not a surprise considering the circumstances, but still it is interesting. The other mention was more important.

In one operation, \$250 in silver rupees was lost (page 56). In one of the aforementioned books on OSS operations, I found more extensive descriptions of the use of silver rupees for trade with locals. In that other source (I cannot remember the title or author now), there is a description of carrying rupees in large quantities.

I enjoyed the book and recommend it with the mentioned reservations.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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Series 681 MPC is listed as having two printings. Were all denominations printed for a second time, and if you say no, which denomination(s) were reprinted in two printings?

Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:  
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Who was the first person to purchase a set of Chambliss copies?

Dick Freyser, although a good try, was not the first one to purchase a set of copies. The first one to purchase a set was Sam Feeback. Perhaps he can tell us where and when.

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EDITORIAL

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As with many stories about World War II there are feature length movies made after the books are published.

The film Merrill's Marauder's from, 1962, apparently was made prior to the book as Fred finds a date of 1980 on his copy. Jeff Chandler played Merrill. The story line more or less follows what actually took place and, of course, there are the human dramas that were part of many movies of the time. Some of the other books made into film include A Bridge Too Far (Cornelius Ryan), Flags of Our Fathers (James Bradley) and many others. The books, in my experience, give a much better insight as to what actually occurred than the movies, which tend to take more liberties with the facts. I had mentioned a while ago, possibly last year, a book entitled The Man Who Never Was which is the account of a body deliberately put into the Mediterranean with false papers to convince the Germans that an invasion was to occur in someplace other than Sicily. That was also made into a movie, based closely on the book. This had a numismatic aspect in that

the serial numbers of the British money placed on the body were recorded to compare the notes returned with the "victim's" personal effects.

Thanks to Murray Hanwich for providing a definition of morcellated. I would think the word might fit when we describe what is done with old MFC. The next part of Mr. Radford's feature will run Tuesday.

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Dear Editor,  
Regarding the Question Corner Chambliss Reprints,  
I'll give it a try and my answer would be Dick Freyser.  
Harold "mpckid" Kroll

Dear Editor,  
I'll take a guess at who was the first to purchase a set of Chambliss copies.  
Was it Dick Freyser?  
Jack "21" Hunter  
Dear Editor,  
Enjoying Steve Feller's ( R.A. Radford's) interesting feature on: "The Economic Organisation of a P.O.W. Camp".  
So interesting to have the first hand account of life and the myriad of exchanges/barter within the P.O.W. camps.

Half-way through the article the editor mentions that he can not find a definition for the word 'morcellated' contained within the sentence:

"Despite a high level of organization in Italy, the market was morcellated in this manner at the first transit camp we reached after our removal to Germany in the autumn of 1943."

Possibly R.A. Radford was a medic at one time as there is no dictionary definition for the word, but there are many medical procedures that use the word.....mainly in reference to kidney removal, tumor removal etc. In medical terms it means "in pieces" or "fragmented".....so the word makes sense as used in the description of the market in Germany as compared to Italy in late 1943.

Murray Hanewich

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PI-102 notes needed

PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PH, PI, PJ, PM, PO, PP, and PV.

My e-mail address is rpapagno@aol.com

Thank you, Bob Papagno

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Philippine Collectors Forum,  
by Ray Czahor,

Hello Philippine Collectors,

NOTE: For anyone receiving two copies of this email, please advise me of your primary mailbox so I can update my address book.

1. Philippine Mailbid Sale XII of 1534 Lots (offering value over \$130,000) was placed in the US Postal mail today with a close date to receive bids on 31 August 2008. If you don't receive a copy within two weeks, please let me know as there is time to mail another. Also, the Mailbid XII listing will be on my web site by early next week:

<http://mysite.verizon.net/cookiejarpi/>

Most Lots will be available for review at the Baltimore, MD ANA Money Show, 30 July - 3 August at my Table 901. The sale contains very nice coin and currency consignments with a large number of SCARCE to RARE items plus new offerings of varieties from the Jeff Springsteen collection. The sale also includes over 300 guerrilla-emergency note lots, many from C.M Nielsen's collection, and most of which have not been offered before to my knowledge. As usual there are numerous lots of tokens, medals, error coins, JIM, paper collectibles, stamps, and an extensive listing of out-of-print books and catalogs.

3. The 6th Annual Philippine Collectors Forum (PCF) will be held during the 2008 ANA World's Fair of Money at the Baltimore, Maryland Convention Center on Friday 1 August. The meeting is on the ANA agenda to start at 1:30PM in Room 316 for 4 hours. I will have a dealer table #901 next to the Post Office booth--Tony Pisciotto who handles all types of SCARCE to RARE World Paper Money will be sharing the table with me so give him some business as well. Also, PCF will join with Howard Daniel and IBNS to have a Collector's Table #916 during the show. Its function will be to meet with kids and new collectors, encourage collecting and provide giveaways to them. If you are coming to the show, please plan to spend some time at this table--it is lots of fun. Let me know if you are available.

Tentative agenda for the PCF:  
1:30-1:45 Ray Czahor with History of the PCF and a few administrative announcements

1:45-2:30 Neil Shafer "My Introduction to Philippine Guerilla/Emergency Notes"  
2:30-3:15 Dr. Gary Weiss "The Intriguing Cagayan Province Revenue Stamped Emergency Notes"  
3:15-3:30 Break  
3:30-4:00 Ken Seymore "The Philippine Mystery Gold Coin"  
4:00-4:15 Ray Czahor "A Short Discussion of the Japanese Homma Medal and Varieties"  
4:15-5:00 Show and Tell--Bring Your Unusual or Favorite Philippine Item to Tell us about  
5:00-5:30 Door Prize Giveaway--Many nice donations already received--bring more!!  
6:30-?? Dinner at a local restaurant

Plan on coming. The first PCF was at the ANA 2003 Baltimore show and had 75 attendees. I know it will be educational and you will have fun.

4. I have in stock the following books/study/albums if you are interested:

a. Lyman Allen's 6th (2008-2009) edition of "US/Philippine Coins" is in stock now. As in the past, the edition contains new varieties and updated certified coins' listings from the different grading services. Values have been vastly updated. Also included is a coin checklist at the back. Price is \$28 Postpaid to US and APO/FPO addresses. Price to Overseas addresses is \$35 for airmail postage.

b. "History and Mintage Philippine Counter-stamped Coins 1828-1839" by Quint Jose MA. Oropilla Y Fortich, M.D. It is well researched containing original archival documents, many photos, and important information about counter-stamped coins never before published. This is a large (9 1/2 by 12 1/2 inches) hardbound 225 page book weighing about 4 lbs for shipping. For any Philippine or Spanish Colonies collector having interest in this unique series, you need this book. Cost in the US is \$120 plus \$6 for insured book rate to US addresses.

c. Also available: "The Philippine 1906S Philippine Peso, Die Characteristics: Genuine and Fake", August 2004. I initially presented this research study at PCF 2004. It has 20 pages with 13 of those color photographs. Cost is \$8.00 postpaid within US and \$10.00 overseas. It was published in the ANA Journal, Summer 2006 edition.

Thank you,  
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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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This question comes to us from Joe Boling and has to do with Howard Daniel's medal. See Mail Call.

If Nepal is to be listed in SB next time, in which section of the book do they go? - Allied, neutral, Axis, or Axis-occupied

Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:

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Series 681 MPC is listed as having two printings. Were all denominations printed for a second time, and if you say no, which denomination(s) were printed in two printings?

Bill and Kathy Myers again have answered correctly: only the \$20 note had two printings.

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EDITORIAL

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How cool is Dick Freyser's letter below. Not only was he in the film but was paid in what would now be a rare piece of MPC (I'm guessing over \$2500 in UNC). In the August 2008 issue of America in WW II, there is a small article on page 64 about John Smith, a veteran of Merrill's Marauders who was killed in May of 1944. The article also mentions a website: [www.marauder.org](http://www.marauder.org). It's worth a look.

The ANA show in Baltimore is fast approaching. There are a number of activities of interest to Gramsters not the least of which is the mini-fest to occur in conjunction with the IBNS meeting on Saturday, August 2nd.

Bring your paybooks, as there is always the possibility of Pay Call and/or a souvenir note. Rumor has it they may be more surprises. Presentations by Bill Myers and Jim Downey are also planned and Howard Daniel will be manning a club table. Ray Czahor's PCF is always a great meeting with a lot of information and some cool door prizes. Your editor will be in attendance and will report on the show and other festivities. We hope to see many of our readers there.

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Dear Editor,

I read with interest Fred's TWIR12. There is a movie with the name 'Merrill's Marauders' released in 1962, much of it filmed at Clark AFB and other areas in the Philippines. The lead actor was Jeff Chandler and included Ty Harden,

Peter Brown Will Hutchins and Claud Akins. I don't remember the details but Jeff Chandler died before the film was released. The main reason I remembered this film is because I was stationed at Clark AFB at the time and a call came out for extras and I was an extra for two days over a weekend. Each day I (and each extra) was paid a Crisp New Series 591 \$5.00 MPC for the days work. The bad news is I was not a collector of MPC at the time and I'm sure it didn't last long. I remember having a close up with some of the lead actors but it ended up on the cutting room floor. So much for my 15 minutes of fame. The work was hard running down very steep hills and yelling then sitting around for hours waiting for them to set up the next shot. But \$5.00 a day was more than the US Army was paying me at the time as an E-4.

I just purchased the DVD and will be happy to bring it to Fest X for movie night if there is an interest. It runs about 90 something minutes. Thanks for the memories Fred.

Dick Freyser

Dear Editor and Joe Boling,

I am sending this email to you because you are in charge of the Asia parts of Remembered. I have also cc'ed Fred so he knows about and Roger if he wants to put it into the Gram.

I have owned a silver medal for many years with a skimpy translation about it being a medal given to Gurkhas who fought in Burma in WWII.

A couple of days ago, I found that a waitress in one of my regular restaurants was from Bhutan and an uncle reads Nepalese! Her family are recent political refugees because their country is going communist and will be heavily influenced by the PRC. Yesterday, I gave the medal to her for translation, and she returned it to me today.

The obverse shows the Royal Flag of Nepal.

The reverse has across the top; "His Majesty's Government of Nepal," and across the bottom is; "Assam-Burma War 2001-2002". The reverse dates are Bikram Era (BE) dates equaling 1944-1945. The reverse center image is the Gurkha's knife popularly called the "khukuri."

It appears to be .900 silver at 29.98 grams. The diameter averages 35.42mm and its thickness averages about 3.34mm. I write "averages" because the diameter and thickness are not perfect all the way around this medal.

There is no indication on the medal that it was hung on a ribbon or looped for a chain, so it appears very coin-like.

That is all for now. I do not have my Remembered at my wife's condo so I am guessing it is not in there. I am also not even sure if there is an entry for anything from Nepal.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Editor and Howard,

Pretty sexy piece. You can see where a mount has been removed at the top on each side. The only mention of Nepal in WWIIR is as a watermark in a CRB counterfeit

[Editor's note: We could not get the scan of the medal for the website - some glitch here at Yahoo. From Joe's response and his question above, there is a good possibility the medal will appear in the next edition of Remembered. So reserve your copy now!]

Dear Editor,  
I'm behind in my email, so maybe someone else has provided this already.  
Not just J54 for Confucius and the fickle finger - also J55 and J61 (the Japanese didn't get it fixed until J72). But come on, guys - the most famous propaganda note of the puppet series is J30, the 200 yuan with USAC 45 (US Army coming 1945) in the scroll-work face and back. Ward Smith got two notes autographed by the engraver after the war. When his estate was sold, those notes were not identified in the auction lots, so I am sure that they were considered junk graffiti notes and consigned to a bulk lot, with their significance now totally lost.  
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R. A. Radford, Economica, vol. 12, 1945

Paper currency Bully Marks

Around D-Day, food and cigarettes were plentiful, business was brisk and the camp in an optimistic mood. Consequently the Entertainments Committee felt the moment opportune to launch a restaurant, where food and hot drinks were sold while a band and variety turns performed. Earlier experiments, both public and private, had pointed the way, and the scheme was a great success. Food was bought at market prices to provide the meals and the small profits were devoted to a reserve fund and used to bribe Germans to provide grease paints and other necessities for the camp theatre. Originally meals were sold for cigarettes but this meant that the whole scheme was vulnerable to the periodic deflationary waves, and furthermore heavy smokers were unlikely to attend much. The whole success of the scheme depended on an adequate amount of food being offered for sale in the normal manner.

To increase and facilitate trade, and to stimulate supplies and customers therefore, and secondarily to avoid the worst effects of deflation when it should come, a paper currency was organized by the Restaurant and the Shop. The Shop bought food on behalf of the Restaurant with paper notes and the paper was accepted equally with the cigarettes in the Restaurant or Shop, and passed back to the Shop to purchase more food. The Shop acted as a bank of issue. The paper money was backed 100 per cent. by food; hence its name, the Bully Mark. The BMk. was backed 100 per cent. by food: there could be no over-issues, as is permissible with a normal bank of issue, since the eventual dispersal of the camp and consequent redemption of all BMk.s were anticipated in the near future.

Originally one BMk. was worth one cigarette and for a short time both circulated freely inside and outside the Restaurant. Prices were quoted in BMk.s and cigarettes with equal freedom and for a short time the BMk. showed signs of replacing the cigarette as currency. The BMk. was tied to food, but not to cigarettes: as it was issued against food, say 45 for a tin of milk and so on, any reduction in the BMk. prices of food would have meant that there were unbacked BMk.s in circulation. But the price of both food and BMk.s could and did fluctuate with the supply of cigarettes.

While the Restaurant flourished, the scheme was a success: the Restaurant bought heavily, all foods were saleable and prices were stable.

In August parcels and cigarettes were halved and the Camp was bombed. The Restaurant closed for a short while and sales of food became difficult.

Even when the Restaurant reopened, the food and cigarette shortage became increasingly acute and people were unwilling to convert such valuable goods into paper and to hold them for luxuries like snacks and tea. Less of the right kinds of food for the Restaurant were sold, and the Shop became glutted with dried fruit, chocolate, sugar, etc., which the Restaurant could not buy. The price level and the price structure changed. The BMk. fell to four-fifths of a cigarette and eventually farther still, and it became unacceptable save in the Restaurant. There was a flight from the BMk., no longer convertible into cigarettes or popular foods. The cigarette reestablished itself. But the BMk. was sound! The Restaurant closed in the New Year with a progressive food shortage and the long evenings without lights due to intensified Allied air raids, and the BMk.s could only be spent in the Coffee Bar relict of the Restaurant or on the few unpopular foods in the Shop, the owners of which were prepared to accept them. In the end all holders of BMk.s were paid in full, in cups of coffee or in prunes. People who had bought BMk.s for cigarettes or valuable jam or biscuits in their heyday were aggrieved that they should have stood the loss involved in their restricted choice, but they suffered no actual loss of market value.

#### Price fixing

Along with this scheme came a determined attempt at a planned economy, at price fixing. The Medical Officer had long been anxious to control food sales, for fear of some people selling too much, to the detriment of their health. The deflationary waves and their effects on prices were inconvenient to all and would be dangerous to the Restaurant which had to carry stocks. Furthermore, unless the BMk. was convertible into cigarettes at about par it had little chance of gaining confidence and of succeeding as a currency. As has been explained, the BMk. was tied to food but could not be tied to cigarettes, which fluctuated in value. Hence, while BMk. prices of food were fixed for all time, cigarette prices of food and BMks. varied.

The Shop, backed by the Senior British Officer, was now in a position to enforce price control both inside and outside its walls. Hitherto a standard price had been fixed for food left for sale in the shop, and prices outside were roughly in conformity with this scale, which was recommended as a "guide" to sellers, but fluctuated a good deal around it. Sales in the Shop at recommended prices were apt to be slow though a good price might be obtained: sales outside could be made more quickly at lower prices. (If sales outside were to be at higher prices, goods were withdrawn from the Shop until the recommended price rose: but the recommended price was sluggish and could not follow the market, closely by reason of its very purpose, which was stability.) The Exchange and Mart notice boards came under the control of the Shop: advertisements which exceeded a 5 per cent. departure from the recommended scale were liable to be crossed out by authority:

unauthorized sales were discouraged by authority and also by public opinion, strongly in favour of a just and stable price. (Recommended prices were fixed partly from market data, partly on the advice of the M.O.)

At first the recommended scale was a success: the Restaurant, a big buyer, kept prices stable around this level: opinion and the 5 per cent tolerance helped. But when the price level fell with the August cuts and

the price structure changed, the recommended scale was too rigid. Unchanged at first, as no deflation was expected, the scale was tardily lowered, but the prices of goods on the new scale remained in the same relation to one another, owing to the BMk., while on the market the price structure had changed. And the modifying influence of the Restaurant had gone. The scale was moved up and down several times, slowly following the inflationary and deflationary waves, but it was rarely adjusted to changes in the price structure. More and more advertisements were crossed off the board, and black market sales at unauthorized prices increased: eventually public opinion turned against the recommended scale and authority gave up the struggle. In the last

few weeks, with unparalleled deflation, prices fell with alarming rapidity, no scales existed, and supply and demand, alone and unmellowed, determined prices.

[Parts V and VI to follow- Ed.]

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:

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If Nepal is to be listed in SB next time, in which section of the book do they go? - Allied, neutral, Axis, or Axis-occupied?

In addition to Joe's answer to his own question, Bill and Kathy Myers along with Murray Hanewich also sent in responses:

Answer- Allied, but not under the British Commonwealth. Although eleven Nepali Gurkhas earned the Victoria Cross, and the Nepali forces fought with the British in India and Burma (and elsewhere), they were not a Commonwealth nation. One reason they fought with the British was to PREVENT their becoming an Axis-occupied nation - by the Japanese.

Joe Boling

Allied as Nepal was on the side of the Allies.

Bill & Kathy Myers

Dear Editor,

I think the next edition of SB should list Nepal under the 'Allies' section.....just like Newfoundland who joined the allies on the same day

Murray Hanewich

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EDITORIAL

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If Mr. Radford is still with us, I think it would be very interesting to interview him and have him expand on his experiences as a POW. His article, aside from being a lesson in economics, is enjoyable to read and provides an insight into captured life. Did Mr. Radford keep any of the BMks as souvenirs? How were these notes made and in what denominations? Are we talking about guerrilla type notes made with whatever paper was available, or just scraps of paper with notations and values? Have any survived and does anyone out there have one? I reported previously about Jim Dowling and his POW experience and the fact that cigarettes were the "money" used in his camp. He never mentioned BMks or any other type of paper currency. I would suppose that the BMks were unique to Mr. Radford's Oflag camp(s) or to other British camps. Perhaps Steve Feller can give us a little more info on Mr. Radford. By the way, did anyone else have to look

up the word "treacle"? Maybe I'll make that tomorrow's question.

When I began today's Gram I had trouble finding yesterday's. When I went to the Published Gram section, 1691 wasn't there. I also checked for my own copy and found only the title. Before panic set in I scrolled down both in Yahoo and in my own copy and found that for some reason, the Gram was not up at the top of the computer page where it normally is. Secondly, when I opened the email from the Myers I found a number of the upper case As in various places. This is the same situation experienced by Ken Berger and some others. Lately I've had no comments so I felt the situation had resolved itself. Apparently not. Again, I am at a loss. Except for the one instance, incoming mail have never had any extraneous characters.

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Dear Gram,

I seem to recall that the series 641 multiprint serial number ranges is incorrect as printed in Fred's 4th edition. Is this true? And if so what are the correct ranges?

David Seelye - [thempcman@verizon.net](mailto:thempcman@verizon.net)

Dear Gram.

Put me and my wife Deanah down for Fest X. I have confirmed a room for two with Kim at the Holiday Inn.  
Jim Downey

Dear Editor (and the Master Sergeant Daniel),

Does any one know, when Howard's Daniel new book might be out?.

I'm curious about the North Vietnam currency. The third book Democratic Republic of Vietnam, coins and currency, stops at series 1966 pick 44. Does any one know of a book that goes beyond that series? Please let me know- thanks.  
James Edwards

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Ken Hallenbeckkenhallenbeck@comcast.net

Dear Editor,

I am new to receiving your mpcgram messages and would like to have this list of 1 centavo notes that I need placed in your items wanted section. There are a lot of other items I need in other denominations but I will try these and see how it goes.

PI-102 notes needed

PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PH, PI, PJ, PM, PO, PP, and PV.

My e-mail address is rpapagno@aol.com

Thank you, Bob Papagno

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Highlights



MPC Gram/Festers and others represented at table 916 July 30th through August 3rd;  
Bond lecture by James Downey Thursday July 31, Numismatic Theatre, 1500 hours;  
Sundman Lecture (Money as a Means of Propaganda), by Bill Myers - Thursday July 31;  
Philippine Collectors Forum - Friday August 1st, 1330 - 1730 hrs in Room 316;  
IBNS Meeting/Educational Forum - Howard A Daniel III Saturday August 2nd, 1100 hrs, Room 312;  
Numismatics International Meeting/Educational Forum - Howard A. Daniel III, 1200 hrs, Room 312;  
A mini-fest is planned in conjunction with the IBNS meeting - contact the Master Sergeant Daniel

5th Whitman Coin and Collectibles Atlanta Expo, Cobb Galleria Center  
August 20 (set-up) 21-23 - <http://www.whitmanexpo.com/>

49th Annual Blue Ridge Numismatic Assn Convention, Dalton, GA, Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center.  
August 28-30 - [forvm@cfl.rr.com](mailto:forvm@cfl.rr.com) or [www.brna.org](http://www.brna.org)

50th Virginia Numismatic Assn convention VCU Siegel Center, Richmond, VA  
September 11(set-up) 18-20 - [cash2274@comcast.net](mailto:cash2274@comcast.net)

Long Beach Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Expo,  
California, September 18-20 - [www.longbeachexpo.com](http://www.longbeachexpo.com)

World Paper Money Fair, Friday October 3rd and Saturday October 4th,  
Mermaid Conference Centre, off Puddledock, Blackfriars, London EC4

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23 Annual National and World Paper Money Convention,  
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Lyn Knight auction  
[kfoley2@wi.rr.com](mailto:kfoley2@wi.rr.com)

MOON (Minnesota Organization of Numismatics) Coin Show, Brooklyn Center, MN  
October 17-19 - [mooncoinclub@aol.com](mailto:mooncoinclub@aol.com)

3rd Annual Pacific Northwest Numismatic Assn/Willametter Coin Club Fall Show.  
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Santa Clara Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo, Santa Clara Convention Center  
November 12(set-up) 13 -16 auction by Superior Galleries

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November 21-23 - auction by Bowere and Merena -  
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Michigan State Numismatics Society, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, MI  
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52nd Money Show of the Southwest, Houston, TX, George R. Brown Convention  
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[www.houstoncoinshow.org](http://www.houstoncoinshow.org)

New York Inc, Waldorf Astoria - admission charge  
January 8(set-up) 9-11, 2009 - [www.nyinc.info](http://www.nyinc.info) - [kfoley2@wi.rr.com](mailto:kfoley2@wi.rr.com)

54th Annual FUN Convention, Orange County Convention Center, FL  
January 8-11, 2009 - [dwellers@embarqmail.com](mailto: dwellers@embarqmail.com)- [www.funtopics.com](http://www.funtopics.com)

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Part V of the Feature sent to the Gram by Steve Feller.

The Economic Organisation of a P.O.W. Camp  
R. A. Radford, Economica, vol. 12, 1945

Public opinion

Public opinion on the subject of trading was vocal if confused and changeable, and generalizations as to its direction are difficult and dangerous. A tiny minority held that all trading was undesirable as it engendered an unsavoury atmosphere; occasional frauds and sharp practices were cited as proof. Certain forms of trading were more generally condemned; trade with the Germans was criticized by many. Red Cross toilet articles, which were in short supply and only issued in cases of actual need, were excluded from trade by law and opinion working in unshakable harmony. At one time, when there had been several cases of malnutrition reported among the more devoted smokers, no trade in German rations was permitted, as the victims became an additional burden on the depleted food reserves of the Hospital. But while certain activities were condemned as anti-social, trade itself was practiced, and its utility appreciated, by almost everyone in the camp.

More interesting was opinion on middlemen and prices. Taken as a whole, opinion was hostile to the middleman. His function, and his hard work in bringing buyer and seller together, were ignored; profits were not regarded as a reward for labour, but as the result of sharp practices. Despite the fact that his very existence was proof to the contrary, the middleman was held to be redundant in view of the existence of an official Shop and the Exchange and Mart. Appreciation only came his way when he was willing to advance the price of a sugar ration, or to buy goods spot and carry them against a future sale. In these cases the element of risk was obvious to all, and the convenience of the service was felt to merit some reward. Particularly unpopular was the middleman with an element of monopoly, the man who contacted the ration wagon driver, or the man who utilized his knowledge of Urdu. And middlemen as a group were blamed for reducing prices. Opinion

notwithstanding, most people dealt with a middleman, whether consciously or unconsciously, at some time or another.

There was a strong feeling that everything had its "just price" in cigarettes. While the assessment of the just price, which incidentally varied between camps, was impossible of explanation, this price was nevertheless pretty closely known. It can best be defined as the price usually fetched by an article in good times when cigarettes were plentiful. The "just price" changed slowly; it was unaffected by short-term variations in supply, and while opinion might be resigned to departures from the "just price," a strong feeling of resentment persisted. A more satisfactory definition of the "just price" is impossible. Everyone knew what it was, though no one could explain why it should be so.

As soon as prices began to fall with a cigarette shortage, a clamour arose, particularly against those who held reserves and who bought at reduced prices. Sellers at cut prices were criticized and their activities referred to as the black market. In every period of dearth the explosive question of "should non-smokers receive a cigarette ration?" was discussed to profitless length. Unfortunately, it was the non-smoker, or the light smoker with his reserves, along with the hated middleman, who weathered the storm most easily.

The popularity of the price-fixing scheme, and such success as it enjoyed, were undoubtedly the result of this body of opinion. On several occasions the fall of prices was delayed by the general support given to the recommended scale. The onset of deflation was marked by a period of sluggish trade; prices stayed up but no one bought. Then prices fell on the black market, and the volume of trade revived in that quarter. Even when the recommended scale was revised, the volume of trade in the Shop would remain low. Opinion was always overruled by the hard facts of the market.

Curious arguments were advanced to justify price fixing. The recommended prices were in some way related to the calorific values of the foods offered: hence some were overvalued and never sold at these prices. One argument ran as follows: not everyone has private cigarette parcels: thus, when prices were high and trade good in the summer of 1944, only the lucky rich could buy. This was unfair to the man with few cigarettes. When prices fell in the following winter, prices should be pegged high so that the rich, who had enjoyed life in the summer, should put many cigarettes into circulation. The fact that those who sold to the rich in the summer had also enjoyed life then, and the fact that in the winter there was always someone willing to sell at low prices were ignored. Such arguments were hotly debated each night after the approach of Allied aircraft extinguished all lights at 8 p.m. But prices moved with the supply of cigarettes, and refused to

stay fixed in accordance with a theory of ethics.

[Part VI, the Conclusion, will run in Monday's Gram - Ed.]

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EDITORIAL

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In yesterday's Gram, Murray Hanewich stated that Nepal and Newfoundland joined the Allies on the same day. According to Remembered, (and Pick for that matter) Newfoundland became a British colony in 1934 and became part of the Canadian Federation in 1949. During the war Naval bases on Newfoundland provided protection for trans-Atlantic convoys and troops from various countries were stationed there to guard the bases. From these facts it seems Newfoundland was part of the Allies even before the United States officially entered the war in December of 1941. In 1943 troops from Newfoundland saw action in Tunisia as part of the British Army. I can find no specific date for either Newfoundland or Nepal joining the Allies.

From a numismatic point of view, Newfoundland had no special currency issued during the war but did issue war savings certificates which were similar to those issued by Canada. The Newfoundland issues were in amounts of three, six, twelve, thirty and sixty dollars and all denominations have different signature combinations. See Remembered on pages 241 and 242. In addition to a war savings certificate, also pictured is a ten cents War Savings Stamp, the only denomination issued.

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Dear Editor,

This from Numismatic News:

Hallenbecks achievements honored

Kenneth L. Hallenbeck, former American Numismatic Association Museum curator, president and acting executive director, will receive the ANAs 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award. It will be presented Aug. 2 during the Worlds Fair of Money convention in Baltimore, Md. While still in high school, Hallenbeck organized the Ann Arbor Coin Club. He later became active in numismatics in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where he was a charter member and president of the Old Fort Coin Club. In 1977 the ANA

asked him to serve as museum curator at its Colorado Springs, Colo., headquarters, a position he held until 1983. Hallenbeck opened his own coin shop shortly thereafter, specializing in U.S. numismatic material and Colorado exonumia. The shop is currently owned by his son, Tom.

In 1985 he ran successfully for the ANA Board of Governors, and in 1989 was elected to a two-year term as president. In 1999 he received the associations highest honor, the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award for Distinguished Service.

In 2007 Hallenbeck temporarily came out of retirement and returned to the ANA as acting executive director to pilot the association through a difficult transition.

He has received a host of ANA accolades and was named a Numismatic News Ambassador in 1993.

David Klinger

DearEditor,

Though they arent identified, the 6 July article has a picture with Robert Drew on the left and Joe Boling next to him looking into one of the cases.<http://www.numismaticnews.net/currency/>[Nice shirt Robert - Ed.]

Cheers,

Sparky Watson

Dear Editor and Festers,

Just a note to let you know that Brett Irick a fellow fester won first place at the Canadian Numismatic Association convention that was held in Ottawa last week. Bretts exhibit was The Fifty Cent Pieces of 1947 & 1948. This exhibit was also awarded the Jean Bullen Award for best Canadian coin exhibit at the convention . On a sadder note Brett pulled out his challenge coin and I had forgot to bring mine , it cost me a scotch on the rocks. Looking forward to seeing everyone at MPCFest X Dick Dunn

P.S. Could you please register Dick Dunn& John Regitko for fest X, we have already booked our rooms at the Holiday Inn.

Dear Editor,

James Edwards asks a question in a recent Gram about my next catalog, which will cover the Vietnamese issues from liberation (?)to date. I will be in Viet Nam (and Thailand and Singapore for about a week of that time) in October, November and December. I will be giving the printer that catalog; Socialist Republic of Viet Nam Coins & Currency, to print and bind there in color. Whatever the state of the work is on it, it will be printed. I cannot find some very elusive data and images but I will catalog those pieces as best as possible. I do not know how many catalogs will be printed in the first printing but I will be bringing about 100 back to the USA in one of my two suitcases.

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TWIR 13  
by Fred Schwan

I just remembered the other thing that was hanging on my mind from the seminar. Some Festers (and others) did not acquit themselves well with challenge coins. Dave Hunsicker and Bob Campbell come to mind. Ah, Elliott Werner too failed quite miserably. Actually, Bob Campbell made a recovery. He had his challenge coin expressed to him so that he had it by the time of the banquet. They all had lame, lame, lame excuses. None had to do with limbs lost in losing their coins.

In a related matter, on the way home, I stopped to visit Steve Feller. We had a great time as always. There is nothing definitive to report from our meeting regarding research etc. However, I can report that Steve too failed the Fest coin challenge.

As part of our meeting, Steve and I went to a new coin shop in Cedar Rapids. It being Monday, Brian Fantons shop was closed. Steve had never been to this shop so we had no idea of what to expect.

It was a pretty typical coin shop. Lots of coins. Not many notes. We got there just as he was opening so everything was not even on display yet. When I asked for paper money, he came up with a small group of notes. Mostly it was Japanese Invasion Money, but there were some Hawaii notes too and one poor piece of MPC. The suffix letter of the note was covered by another note. Steve was going to ask to examine the note looking for a replacement. I told him that it was unnecessary, it was not a replacement. How did I know?

Drat. I had kept a copy of USA Today to report on a story therein, then when moving out of the motel this morning, I forgot why I had it and tossed it. According to USAT laser printer manufacturers are tagging every sheet that a printer produces by printing a faint yellow dot. I do not know if it is the characteristics of the dot itself or the location that ID the printer. The stated purpose of this is to help deter or catch counterfeiters.

Civil libertarians are against the idea because of the potential for using the technology for tracing law abiding, but possibly trouble making (my term) citizens.

Now for the really cute part. According to the article, the dot is visible (only) by shining a blue LD light on it. Wow. Sounds like they really mean UV light, but I am not at all sure. Does anyone know? Can anyone test it?

I will be at the ANA convention in Baltimore next week (is it really that soon?). Our editor will be there and Bill Myers is going to be there and will be giving a Sundman lecture. Jim Downey is also going to be there and giving a program (in the numismatic theater I believe). I hope to meet and greet many Festers and Gramsters there.

As usual, be sure to bring your challenge coins and pay-books. Speaking of pay-books, I saw an interesting picture yesterday.

It is in a small, locally produced WWII history for the 461st Bomb Group in Italy. Naturally, I bought the thing on eBay. There was not much of numismatic interest. There are a few (poor) photos inside a club. The bar appears to be made of ammo boxes (presumably empty).

Finally, I found a picture of an interesting sign. The caption is: Is It Worth It? Likely the sign was posted at the exit of the base. Here is the text of the sign:

ARE YOU GOING TO  
TOWN?

THE M.P. WILL ARREST YOU  
FOR THE FOLLOWING

- 1 IMPROPER UNIFORM.
- 2 POSTED OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS AND ESTABLISHMENTS.
- 3 BEING IN CIVILIAN HOMES.
- 4 FAILURE TO SALUTE OFFICERS AND SUPERIOR OFFICERS.
- 5 POSSESSION OF BOTTLED LIQUOR.
- 6 DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.
- 7 WEARING ANY PART OF FLYING CLOTHING.
- 8 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CERFEW [sic] REGULATIONS.
- 9 INPROPER [sic] PASS.
- 10 NO DOG TAGS OR PAYBOOK.

REMEMBER YOU ARE A  
SOLDIER CONDUCT YOURSELF  
AS ONE AT ALL TIMES.

Of course the most interesting part is the requirement to carry a pay-book. It would be unlikely that a soldier/airman would have need for a pay-book for pay purposes while down town. Could it be that the pay-book would suffice as identification? I must admit that I do not know much about WWII identification cards. If everyone had one, it seems that these would be required rather than pay-books. Perhaps I am missing something.

The statement about saluting (number 4) is curious. I suppose the first clause is directed at all enlisted personnel and the second at officers (who would be required to salute senior officers). Still it is awkward.

Number 2 is interesting. The apparent intent was to keep people out of the listed places, but the sign does not say that. Finally, there are the funny misspellings in 8 and 9.

Still, this is an interesting insight into the use of pay-books and life in occupied Italy.

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Fred asked a question and I do not know if it was intended for this space, but it is a good one and we will use it. Look at the end of paragraph four of Fred's feature: how did Fred know the note was not a replacement?

Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:  
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We all know (or we should know) that the one dollar note for Series 481 MPC has position numbers in two different locations. To the left for the first printing and to the right for the second. There is another series of MPC where the position numbers differ from what is normally seen. What is the series and what note(s) is/are involved?

On Wednesday Bill and Kathy Myers submitted the following:

1. Series 461 & 471 have a letter press position number on all denominations (5, 10, 25, 50 cents, 1, 5, 10 dollars) while all of the other series have lithographed position numbers.
2. Series 691 & 701 second printing have 56 notes per sheet (instead of 50) for the 5, 10 & 20 dollars thus will have position numbers greater than 50.

Of course it is correct, but not the answer I was looking for.

Yesterday Bill said I may be over reading it but I will stick with my answer below for now.

Joe Boling also wrote in yesterday with the answer I was looking for: When you say "where the position numbers differ from what is normally seen," I assume you mean the over-sized position numbers on series 472 \$5 and \$10 notes.

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A Google search for information of Identification Cards for service personnel in World War II didn't provide a whole lot of information. I did find one reference - US Department of the Army Special Regulation (SR) 1949-1956 which mentions ID cards. But that was it. I tried to find the actual regulation but was unable to do so. The dates could lead us to believe that ID cards (as opposed to ID or "dog" tags) were not issued until 1949. If that were the case, then an ID tag coupled with a pay-book would suffice as identification. I can't imagine trying to get paid in the field with hundreds, even thousands, of others without some form of identification. A pay book was needed to record pay, but anyone could present a pay book. I imagine there must have been some form of other identification required. When I entered the Navy in 1965, there were

no pay-books, but we did of course have dog tags and photo ID cards, the color of which determined Active or Reserve duty. Payday was handled by units, and those being small especially on the ships to which I was assigned, usually wound up with the pay officer knowing the person being paid. I'm not sure, but I seem to recall having to present an ID card the first or second time in a new ship or assignment. We were issued service numbers, a practice which was discontinued sometime later in favor of an individual's social security number.

Joe Boling, Howard Daniel and others I am sure, can shed a lot more light on this subject. Perhaps FesterRobert Stevenson, a World War II Navy Veteran, can tell us what type of identification he carried.

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MAIL CALL: send mail to mpcgram@yahoo.com  
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Dear Editor,  
Mr Daniel,  
I thank you for your response to my question. I do hope to acquire one of your new books, when they are completed. Please let me know. Have a pleasant trip, and a safe one.  
e-mail edwardsj44@yahoo.com  
James Edwards

Dear Editor,  
David Klinger provided information about Ken Hallenbeck who is receiving the ANA life time achievement award in Baltimore. All of that is fine, and Ken is a great numismatist and good guy (I have known him since the 1970s). However, the letter fails to mention why the Gram (focusing on military numismatics) should care. Well Ken is a seminar graduate and a specialist on WWII rationing so he is one of us. For that matter, I believe that if we keep on him, he will become a Fester too. What about it Ken?  
Fred

Dear Editor,  
In this week's Numismatic News print edition, on page 66, Robert Drew is identified in the same photo (in black and white) that Sparky posted the URL for (you have to go down several pages to find the photo on the web site).  
I forgot to mention, when I wrote about the Gurkhas and their Victoria Crosses, that as a ratio of decoration to soldiers, they earned the VC at a rate five times that of other nations' troops.  
JoeBoling

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WANTED SECTION:

Collectors may submit lists of items wanted for their collections for listing here.

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Dear Editor

I would like to run a short ad in the MPC Gram as follows:

WANTED British Pogs for my collection. At present I don't have any at all. I have plenty of U.S. Pogs and would like to get a representation of British pogs. Please contact me and quote price. Thanks,  
Ken Hallenbeckkenhallenbeck@comcast.net

Dear Editor,

I am new to receiving your mpcgram messages and would like to have this list of 1 centavo notes that I need placed in your items wanted section. There are a lot of other items I need in other denominations but I will try these and see how it goes.

PI-102 notes needed

PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PH, PI, PJ, PM, PO, PP, and PV.

My e-mail address is rpapagno@aol.com

Thank you, Bob Papagno

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Part VI of the Feature sent to the Gram by Steve Feller.

The Economic Organisation of a P.O.W. Camp  
R. A. Radford, Economica, vol. 12, 1945

#### CONCLUSION

The economic organization described was both elaborate and smooth-working in the summer of 1944. Then came the August cuts and deflation. Prices fell, rallied with deliveries of cigarette parcels in September and December, and fell again. In January, 1945, supplies of Red Cross cigarettes ran out: and prices slumped still further: in February the supplies of food parcels were exhausted and the depression became a blizzard. Food, itself scarce, was almost given away in order to meet the non-monetary demand for cigarettes. Laundries ceased to operate, or worked for s or RMk.s: food and cigarettes sold for fancy prices in s, hitherto unheard of. The Restaurant was a memory and the BMk. a joke. The Shop was empty and the Exchange and Mart notices were full of unaccepted offers for cigarettes. Barter increased in volume, becoming a larger proportion of a smaller volume of trade. Thus, the first serious and prolonged food shortage in the writer's

experience, caused the price structure to change again, partly because German rations were not easily divisible. A margarine ration gradually sank in value until it exchanged directly for a treacle ration. Sugar slumped sadly. Only bread retained its value. Several thousand cigarettes, the capital of the Shop, were distributed without any noticeable effect. A few fractional parcel and cigarette issues, such as one-sixth of a parcel and twelve cigarettes each, led to monetary price recoveries and feverish trade, especially when they coincided with good news from the Western Front, but the general position remained unaltered. By April, 1945, chaos had replaced order in the economic sphere: sales were difficult, prices lacked stability. Economics has been defined as the science of distributing limited means among unlimited and competing ends. On 12th April, with the arrival of elements of the 30th U.S. Infantry Division, the ushering in of an age of plenty demonstrated the hypothesis that with infinite means economic organization and activity would be redundant, as every want could be satisfied without effort

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#### CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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In 1941 China issued Patriotic Aviation Bonds in four denominations. What is the designation of the aircraft pictured on the bond? As a bonus, who out there has a \$100 bond available for sale?

Answer next time.

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#### PREVIOUS QUESTION:

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Fred asked a question and I do not know if it was intended for this space, but it is a good one and we will use it. Look at the end of paragraph four of Fred's feature: how did Fred know the note was not a replacement?

Below are the answers that were received. Fred should respond to tell us if these are correct, and I would agree that they are.

Answer: I would say it had a high serial number. I would guess there was a 1 or 2 right after the prefix letter instead of a 0. This works except for series 541 where 50 cents, \$1 & 10 had a number right after the prefix letter for some replacements.  
Bill & Kathy Myers.

Dear Editor,  
Answer to the trivia question about the mpc note in the coin shop. You knew it was not an mpc replacement due to the serial number.  
Doug Bell

Dear Editor,  
In regard to the question on how did Fred know the partially covered MPC was not a replacement even though he could not see the end of the serial number, my guess is that the serial number was too high to have been a replacement. I cannot recall the highest number on a replacement note, but I think if you can see only the first digit of a serial number and it starts with a '1' or higher, you can surmise the note is not a replacement.  
William E. Yanchick

[Joe sent in a clarification for the answer to the position number question. He is correct, of course, and both the Myers' and I confused series numbers with position numbers -Ed]

Dear Editor,  
Bill and Kathy Myers are confusing their numbers. In response to this week's question about differences in position numbers, they said "Series 461 & 471 have a letter press position number on all denominations (5,10,25,50 cents, 1, 5, 10 dollars) while all of the other series have lithographed position numbers." This is not correct. Those two series have letterpress SERIES numbers. ALL series have letterpress position numbers, on all denominations.  
Joe Boling

Dear Editor,  
The serial number of the unidentified mpc was, more than likely, higher than the replacement range for that particular note. Therefore, no need to look.  
Jack "21" Hunter

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EDITORIAL  
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The August issue of Numismatic News has an article entitled "The Four Freedoms on Allied Military Currency" written by Sam Spiegel. Those of us who collect AMC from Italy look for series 1943, series 1943A, the Forbes secret "f", replacements, special serial numbers, specimens and, most likely, many other characteristics to fill a slot in a collection. How many of us looked on the back of the notes to see that they contain what FDR called the Four Freedoms. The Master Sergeant submitted the following;

Dear Editor,

In 2006 at the Denver ANA, a young man (and someone else I have forgotten) came up to me and asked if he could be the speaker at the IBNS-Mini Fest meeting. I asked him what he was going to speak about and he said a design element on Allied Military Currency. I approved and he spoke.

The meeting had an excellent attendance of about 24 people and here was this young teenager getting up in front and speaking to them. There was some talking when he started speaking but by the time he finished, you could only hear him and everyone was paying attention. His parents were sitting way in the back and grinning from ear to ear.

When he finished, he got a standing ovation! It was a great talk, and now it is in the August 2008 issue of The Numismatist! It is a well-researched article and talk; The "Four Freedoms" on Allied Military Currency, in an area that no one had ever looked at before (even Fred Schwan!) I would encourage all of you to look more closely to the pieces in your collections to see if there is something on them that no one has previously researched.

After I read it, I sent an email to Peter Symes in Australia, who is the new IBNS President. I asked him to ask the The Numismatist editor, Barbara Gregory, for permission to reprint the article in the IBNS Journal since it was given in an IBNS meeting.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Howard is right - it's a good article and is well worth the read, and perhaps it should get a mention in the next edition of Remembered.

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Dear Editor,

To add to Joe's info about the Gurkhas. They have served with the British Army for the best part of 200 years and have an awesome reputation. Use Google to look up "Gurkha Soldiers".

Tom Warburton

Dear Editor,

As long as we are talking about ANA awards, note that The Master Sergeant is receiving the Glenn Smedley award this year (next Friday at 1300). I don't know if any of the other four recipients is a gramster, nor whether any of the three Medal of Merit recipients is a gramster. Of course, we

already heard about Gene Hessler getting the Zerbe, and Gene is a  
gramster.  
Joe Boling

Dear Editor,  
Fred ,  
I purchased the first set of Chambliss copies , while at the Fest right  
after Chambliss first presented them for sale after he described them. I  
don't remember which Fest it was but that was where it was at.  
Sam Feedback

[Howard at OCS? - Amazing - On a serious note, we hope all turns out well  
with Howard's procedure on the 6th of August. And asfar as roommates are  
concerned, I have anextra bed Thursday through Saturday should anyone be  
in need - Ed.]

Dear Editor,  
In this week's Numismatic News print edition, on page 66, Robert Drew is  
identified in the same photo (in black and white) that Sparky posted the  
URL for (you have to go down several pages to find the photo on the web  
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New York Inc, Waldorf Astoria - admission charge

January 8(set-up) 9-11, 2009 - [www.nyinc.info](http://www.nyinc.info) - [kfoley2@wi.rr.com](mailto:kfoley2@wi.rr.com)

54th Annual FUN Convention, Orange County Convention Center, FL

January8-11, 2009 - [dwellers@embarqmail.com](mailto: dwellers@embarqmail.com)- [www.funtopics.com](http://www.funtopics.com)

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Dear Editor,

I have some good news and some bad news. The first bad news is that I am probably going to be sleeping in the same room with Fred for the first three nights at the Baltimore ANA.

The second bad news is that during my regular every six month checkup of my body, my dermatologist/surgeon cut "spots" off the top of my right shoulder and my right forehead. The shoulder piece turned out to be an old puss pocket from when my right shoulder got severely out of its rightful position at OCS at Fort Benning in early 1965. The second one on my forehead turned out to be another malignant melanoma like what was on my left calf.

Even though the biopsy showed clean margins (that means it was completely surrounded by good skin), my melanoma surgeon wants to fish around in my forehead on August 6 and maybe run one of those miniature eyes up one of my armpits and look at some lymph nodes.

Right now, it is all precautionary, but I might have pissed my melanoma surgeon (former Flight Surgeon) off talking about being in the Air Force as like being a member of a country club. Maybe that is why I had three surgeries to take care of my left calf instead of the planned two.

The first good news for you is that my wife, Phung, will be at the Baltimore ANA on Saturday at the club table and the banquet (I already paid for my ticket....did you?) for the first time. She was also at Memphis with me for the first time. During Memphis, many Festers gave her their regrets about being married to me. Please handle her more gently than the kind of people (?) who show up at Memphis! Except for Michele Orzano and Judith Murphy, who are always ladies!

The second good news is that I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the miniFest during the 11AM IBNS Meeting at the Baltimore ANA on Saturday. Bring something for show and tell, and do NOT forget your pay book or challenge coin!!!!

The Master Sergeant Daniel

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Hand Barton,  
by Howard Daniel III

It just struck my little mind that someone wrote in a recent Gram about the use of Indian Rupee coins in the CBI Theater of Operations. I do not know how many of you remember Hank Barton, but he was involved with them. He was originally an Austrian Jew who eventually worked his way out of Europe and became stateless in Shanghai. After the Japanese took over the city, he worked for the Red Cross driving a truck. When he learned Americans were in Kunming, he started saving fuel until he had enough to drive all of the way to Kunming, and he did it right through Japanese and Chinese lines!

When he arrived in Kunming, he parked in front of the first building he saw with an first American flag in front of it. He walked in and volunteered to work for the USA. He was quickly interrogated by OSS officers! He had parked in front of their headquarters for China and Southeast Asia.

Once they were convinced he was legitimate and they discovered he knew something about money, they offered him the job as their finance clerk! He accepted and was made a SSG in the US Army! One of his jobs was to sort out Indian Rupees in two stacks. One was with pre-WWII dates and the other was WWII dates. The pre-WWII dates were used to pay their network in Southeast Asia and the WWII dates were used in "friendly" areas of China. Sometime after he was in the OSS, he changed his name to Hank Barton. I seem to remember it was the name of a friend of his who was KIA and he needed an American name to "blend" in more with his surroundings, and the OSS made a new and complete 201 (personnel) file for him.

When the war ended, he was sent to Shanghai to be an interpreter for the War Crimes trials there for the German advisers (?) and others working with the Japanese.

Then he was sent to Japan and assigned to an Army unit there. After awhile, they discovered he was not a US citizen, never taken Basic Training, never been to an Army school, etc., etc. He was eventually sent to the USA and took care of all of the missing items in his 201 file. While in the New York City one day, he ran into a girl (now a woman) from his old Austrian neighborhood who survived the Holocaust. They were married and she became his Army wife.

Hank was a collector of paper money with his specialties being China (of course!) and Bolivia. It is too long a story about why he liked Bolivia, but he liked block letters, serial numbers, signatures, series and all of their combinations on ALL paper money. And he taught me to pay very close attention to them for my Southeast Asia. Looking at every detail, it greatly widened my search for paper money varieties.

He and I spent many an hour and evenings talking about numismatics and life. He introduced me to the Memphis show and I drove him to it a couple of times. The last time was when it was in the Holiday Inn. He passed away many years ago, but it is rare when I find a new variety of paper money that I do not thank Hank for teaching me how to look for them.

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Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:  
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In 1941 China issued Patriotic Aviation Bonds in four denominations. What is the designation of the aircraft pictured on the bond? As a bonus, who out there has a \$100 bond available for sale?

Answers received, both of which are correct:

The aircraft is a P-26. And I would like to know who has the 100 for sale as I need it - LOL  
Sparky Watson  
[In that case, I'll revise the bonus question to be who has TWO \$100 bonds available? - Ed.]

Boeing P-26, and I would guess Joe Boling has a \$100 bond for sale.  
Bill & Kathy Myers [Joe?]

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EDITORIAL  
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My daily newspaper features a small column entitled "This Date in History" and on this day two events of interest to the hobby occurred during WW II. In 1942 FDR created the Womens Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service - aka the WAVES and in 1945, after delivering parts for an atomic bomb, the cruiser USS Indianapolis was torpedoed and sunk by a Japanese Submarine resulting in the loss of over 850 sailors. I thought these would fit in with Dave Klinger 's letter.

I leave for the ANA bright and early in the morning and will be there until Sunday morning. Fred has his laptop which will give me the opportunity to report on bourse activity, various meetings and other things of interest. I'm looking forward to seeing Gramsters and Festers.

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Dear Editor,

I have not yet seen the August Numismatist (I assume the editors reference to it as Numismatic News is in error), [yes it is - Ed] but the speaker in Denver was not Max Spiegel, but Sam Spiegel. I assume it is Sam who has written that article that Howard wants to reprint in the IBNS Journal. [Again, yes it is - Ed.]

Incidentally, the Master Sergeant's reference to rooming with Fred is probably also an error, since Fred is rooming with the boss. I am expecting the carcinoma kid to be in with me.

In addition, his letter about his latest physical and his sadistic flight surgeon was hung way out on the end of gram 1695, with several blank pages separating it from the main body, and the letters section in the same edition was pretty confused, with old letters showing up again, and the editor's comments on Howard's letter appearing before the letter to which they referred. Something is clobbering these files.

Joe Boling

Dear Editor,

I object to Fred's comment about having a lame excuse for not having the coin. I was in Europe for 17 days and did not want to lose it there, so I did not take it nor various other cards. When I left for the seminar, I forgot to reload the wallet. Yes there is no excuse, however mine is not lame. There was evidence in the wallet that I always carry it. I did pay my debt, by donating to the scholarship fund. And I will take care of Fred too. (I'm hurt)

Dave Hunsicker

Dear Editor,

I was reviewing the time-line for the end of WWII, and first came upon the term V-P Day.

In any case, here is a review of that timeline which happened 63 years ago:

May 8, 1945: V-E Day (Victory in Europe day)

July 26, 1945: Potsdam Declaration issued. Truman says to Japan,

"Surrender or suffer prompt and utter destruction."

July 29: Japan rejects the Potsdam Declaration.

August 2: Potsdam conference ends.

August 6: An atomic bomb, "Little Boy" is dropped on Hiroshima.

August 8: USSR declares war on Japan.

August 9: Another atomic bomb, "Fat Man" is dropped on Nagasaki.

August 15: Japan surrenders. Date is remembered as "V-J Day" or "V-P Day" (Victory in the Pacific in Australia).

September 2: Official surrender ceremony; President Truman declares

September 2nd officially "V-J Day".

My earliest childhood memory is of a V-J day parade in my Pennsylvania home town, near Fort Indiantown Gap.

David Klinger

COME TO THE PHILIPPINE COLLECTORS FORUM MEETING: 1PM, AUG 1ST IN ROOM 316  
DURING THE ANA MONEY FAIR

AGENDA:

1:00-1:15 Ray Czahor History of the PCF and a few administrative announcements  
1:15-1:45 Lead ANACS Officer: Grading Problems/Discussion w/Emphasis on Philippines  
1:45-2:15 Neil Shafer "My Introduction to Philippine Guerilla/Emergency Notes"  
2:15-2:45 Dr. Gary B. Weiss "The Intriguing Cagayan Province Revenue Stamped Emergency Notes"  
2:45-3:00 Dr. Greg Pineda "The Mystery of the RARE Philippine Proof Peso"  
3:00-3:15 Break  
3:15-3:30 John Riley "Philippine Tokens--Coins with a Soul"  
3:30-3:45 Ray Czahor "A Short Discussion of the Japanese Homma Medal and Varieties"  
3:45-4:15 Ken Seymore "The Philippine Mystery Gold Coin"  
4:15-5:00 Show and Tell--Bring Your Unusual or Favorite Philippine Item to Tell Us About  
5:00-5:30 Door Prize Giveaway--Many nice donations already received--bring more!!  
  
6:30 Join PCF attendees at a local restaurant for informal exchangeInformation provided later.

For more information come to Table 901, Cookie Jar Collectibles. See RARE Philippine and French Indo China Exhibits at the table. Review 1500 Lots in Philippine Mailbid XII which closes 31 August. Fill your Philippine and World Wantlist of Coins, Tokens, Medals, Catalogs, JIM, under US and Republic Currency. Talk to Tony Pisciotto for Your Scarce to RARE World Banknote Needs and give him some business! Table 901 is the PLACE to be!

2. Since I mailed out Mailbid XII, several bidders have brought some errors in the list to my attention:

- a. Lots 539 and 540, 1937M & 1941M, show under Fifty Centavos but are actually Twenty Centavo pieces. Please bid those lots as Twenty Centavos.
- b. Lot 686 and 1437 are the same lot. Minimum Bid is \$47.50.
- c. Lot 1172 is BOH402 not 407.
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Ray Czahor

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Baltimore ANA,  
by Roger Urce

Getting down to the show was quite uncomplicated as I am only an hour's plane ride away. I tried to register for early entry as your editor, but that didn't fly.

Consequently I had to wait until 10AM for general admission. After a quick look on the floor and seeing The Master Sergeant and Fred, I attended Bill Myers talk on "Money as a Propaganda Tool in Times of War"



Bill explained the Japanese plan for Asia for Asians and how, by designing the Japanese Invasion Money, they hoped to win over the populations they overran. All series of JIM were discussed. The first part of the process was to confiscate the existing currency. New Japanese designed removed any European or American images from consideration and featured local images including flora and fauna. Prior denominations were used (except in some cases for Netherlands East Indies issues) in order that the local populations would not have to adjust from what they were accustomed to using. As we know, each country was assigned a specific letter, "B" for Burma, for example and Fred suggested that this was done to assist those in Japan, where the notes were printed, and who were not fluent in the various languages used, in sorting and packaging the notes so they would be shipped to the correct countries. The presentation was very well organized and informative covering the propaganda process in detail. Upon completion, all in attendance were given and \$80 series 071 MFC note with a special numbered validation stamp for the 2008 Baltimore ANA affixed. Wednesday also saw a lecture by Jim Downey of War/Savings Bonds and the Numismatic Literary Guild annual Bash. Reports on those events and on new finds will be the subject of forthcoming reports. Stay tuned.

TWIR 14  
by Fred Schwan

I have been having a great time here at the ANA convention. Where to begin? Summer seminars, Fests, Memphis Paper Shows and ANA conventions are sensory overloads. It might be surprising that while I am having this great time, I have not spent any money on my collection. Ok, I spent (so far) \$102 on books and have started reading them at night. Today I attended the ANA membership reception. On the news front there, an interesting announcement was made. Well, perhaps it was not actually made there, nonetheless that is where I learned about it. The Central States Numismatic Society has made a major commitment to supporting the ANA summer seminar. They have awarded something like \$50,000 outright and have launched a matching program for more money. More than \$30,000 is available as matching funds. This is good because it supports the seminar and the seminar supports collecting. The seminar has also been very good to us (military numismatics). Unfortunately, I do not see a way that we can combine our internal scholarship funds as part of this deal. Still it is important and cool. Today I attended the meeting of the ration stuff collectors (my term). I have not attended very many of their meetings, but I loved it. Here are some of the things that I saw in show and tell (by the way, in spite of having spent no money (see above), I tried to buy every one of these shown tells!! You would not expect any less would you?) I saw five (I think) different Canadian WWII ration token ERRORS. Holy cow. The other item was an amazing gasoline ration booklet for motorcycle gasoline. It was dated late 1945. Based on the imprint on the back cover, the total production of the booklets was 600. Yes, 600. Sure you would expect the printing for motorcycle booklets to be low, but why this low. Well, the answer is that the booklet was for the Canal Zone. Wow. This belonged to Gramster (and

possible 2009 Fester) Don Kolkman. I hope that Don will tell us more about this fantastic item and many more than he has. I am inclined to want to put a section in Remembered 2 on the Canal Zone. Although we certainly cannot cover rationing, if that is all that we have for a US territory, we may have to put it in. Don also told me about having information on similar items for Puerto Rico. If we can get some images, the situation would probably be similar there.

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Dear Editor,

The airplane is a Boeing P-26 "Peashooter". It was the first all metal production fighter aircraft and the first pursuit monoplane used by the US Army Air Corps. First flew in 1932 and was used as late as 1941 in the Philippines.

The first Boeing P-26 to experience major combat operation was the Chinese Model 281 in what was the world's first air-interception and destruction of raiding monoplane aircraft by monoplane aircraft. On 15 August 1937, eight of the Boeing fighters from the Chinese Air Force 3rd Pursuit Group 17th Squadron based at Chuyung airfield, engaged eight out of 20 Mitsubishi G3M Japanese bombers from the Kisarazu Air Group sent to attack Nanking. The Chinese Boeing fighters helped shoot down two of the four Japanese bombers destroyed that day without suffering any losses. Subsequent engagements between the Chinese "Peashooter" pilots and pilots of the Imperial Japanese Navy flying the Mitsubishi A5M "Claude" were the first ever aerial dogfights and kills between monoplane fighter aircraft.[5] A single P-26 was in service during the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39, but no aerial kills were recorded with this aircraft. Probably more than you wanted to know but

being an aviator I felt I had to answer this question.

Bill McNease

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EDITORIAL

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We are coming to you for the ANA in Baltimore. First a couple of corrections from last Gram. I neglected to include a question and there was a misspelling in Howard feature.

It should have been Hank and not Hand. Next, for some reason, Bill McNease's answer to the aviation bond question came to the Gram via binhost and I suspect it was because he just "replied" to his copy of the Gram. I would ask that all submissions be sent to MPCGRAM@YAHOO.COM so that I can get them in a timely manner. We have has a request/suggestion to publish a Gram subscriber list. The thought is to make the list of names, email addresses and other information available to all subscribers who wish to participate on a voluntary basis. I have my own thoughts on thoughts on this and I'm sure Fred does also. Readers opinions and comments are welcome.

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Ken Hallenbeck  
[Ken - your reputation and experience more than qualifies you to be a Fester and you would certainly be welcome - Ed.]

Dear Editor,  
Fred was right to think The Master Sergeant Daniel could find a WWII ID Card. Go to  
<http://home.att.net/~steinert/newpage11.htm> and you will see one issued in 1943. And a reproduction can be made with your photograph and data for US\$11.00!!!!  
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More MPC Replicas

By Mark "Sparky" Watson

Recently, I purchased off eBay a group of MPC advertised as "Movie Money"

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aka replicas. When I first saw the listing, I thought it was for some of the Chambliss replicas, but a quick comparison of serial numbers revealed differently. As the price was reasonable, I bought the item so as to get a better look at the notes.

After receiving the notes today, I did a quick inspection. In hand, there is no way a collector could get deceived by these notes, even though neither the face nor the back has the word "Copy" or "Replica." The notes are laser printed on card stock weight paper with vivid color and loss of detail. Also, the dimensions of the notes are all off - all of them are the same height (60 to 62 mm), and the larger denominations have a smaller width than a true note (130 to 132 mm versus 152 mm).

Though I do not consider these a threat to the collecting community, I've included the serial numbers of the notes below as a scan on eBay can be made to look like anything.

Series 641

5 Cents J05861644J  
10 Cents J08102104J  
25 Cents J10639961J  
1 Dollar J03418177J  
5 Dollar J06712637J  
10 Dollar J19934501J

Series 661

5 Cents B10332419B  
10 Cents B08526644B  
25 Cents B13326880B  
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20 Dollar C02445553C

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Answer next time.

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One correct answer was submitted.

Dear Editor,

The other fruit depicted on JIM not mentioned is the pineapple.....and I think there may be some starfruit on the table inside the hut on Malaya \$100 P-M8.  
Murray Hanewich

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EDITORIAL

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Thanks to Sparky we have another alert on copies of MPC being advertised and sold on eBay. In this case there does not seem to be a problem as the copies are easily detected by real collectors. Nonetheless eBay, and the seller, should be made aware of the situation. In the last incident, Gramsters were able to stop a fraud from occurring.

Yesterday as I was composing the Gram in the lobby entrance to the bourse (there on eight free Internet connected computers here!!), our Publisher and Friday TWIR columnist walked up and entered his column just after I had completed my report. So Friday was a bonus with two features and today we get a Saturday Gram. On Friday I took a long look at the exhibits and there were five of interest to our hobby. Friday also saw the annual meeting of the Philippine Collectors Forum, hosted by Ray Czahor. There were informative discussions and some nice door prizes. Full reports on these events will be forthcoming in the next week.

Friday evening, the Boss, Fred and I wandered over to the Inner Harbor in search of dinner. En route we found the SS John Brown, a WW II era Liberty Ship tied up at the pier.

The ship is still operational and has a number of historical displays along with a brief history of the Merchant Marine during the war. We took advantage of the tour that was available for a very modest fee and were able to see the entire ship and talk with the current crew who acted as guides. The ship saw service in the Middle East, the Mediterranean and went through the Panama Canal. It also saw duty as a troop transport. After the war the ship served as a high school in New York City from 1946 through 1987, a fact, as a native of the NYC area, I was not aware of. For

those readers not familiar with Naval protocol, ships display the awards and campaign ribbons earned on displays usually located on either side of the bridge on the railings. In looking at the awards for the SS Brown, both Fred and I were initially at a loss to determine what awards the ship had earned during its wartime service. Looking aft (that's towards

the back or stern of the ship for all the land lubbers) we saw another set of more familiar ribbons which we recognized as from the WW II era. They included the African/European campaign ribbon and the WW II occupation medal. In speaking with the crew we were told that the ship, in addition to its normal wartime Merchant Marine crew, also had a contingent of US Navy armed guards who manned the 20mm (still operational with the use of propane gas and no projectiles), three inch and five inch guns.

This cleared up the double display: the awards on the bridge were Merchant Marine awards and those aft were Naval citations. The tour was interesting and informative and was, in a real sense, a walk back into 1944 as every effort was made to reproduce the original period.

As an aside, there are a number of other ships serving as museums in the harbor. One is a WW II era submarine and the other is the USCG Cutter Taney, which is the last ship from the attack on Pearl Harbor which is still afloat.

I leave for home early Sunday morning; look for the next Gram on Monday.

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Dear Editor,  
Regarding the availability of a \$100 Patriotic Aviation Bond - I had one when I sold my Chinese collection back in the early 80s. I have not seen one since.  
Joe Boling

Dear Editor,  
Okay Roger, you're killing me. Do you own the 2 Chinese Aviation bonds? Are you going to tell us who does?  
Cheers,  
Sparky

[Dear Sparky, I initially was soliciting one example for my collection. When you responded and indicated you needed one also, I solicited two copies cause I was looking out for you also. As we see Joe had one, but now it belongs to someone else. We'll have to keep looking. BTW - there are none here in Bawlmar (local pronunciation) - Ed]

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Dave Frank

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January 8(set-up) 9-11, 2009 - [www.nyinc.info](http://www.nyinc.info) - [kfoley2@wi.rr.com](mailto:kfoley2@wi.rr.com)

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ANA Banquet Report,  
by Roger Urce

The ANA held itbanquet associated with the World Fair of MoneyShow on Saturday evening, August 2nd. The event was preceded at1900 hours with a cocktail reception and cash bar with the actual banquet beginning at 2000 hours. The main purposeis to presentANA awards, provide members with association news and progressand to thank all for attending the show. Admission is free to exhibitors (and a number of others I am sure, but don'task me who)and the rest of us had to pay the freight - \$70 in advance and \$75 at the door. Wendell Wolka served as the Master of Ceremonies and did his usual excellent job.There were a number of awards given out:

I would like to first recognize Wayne Homgren,editor of theEsylum as the 2008 recipient of the Burnett AndersonAward. Wayne is a Gramster andprovided us with great assistancein transmitting the Gram.

It was well publicized that Gene Hessler was this years winner of the Faran ZerbeAward. Again, our congratulations to Gene on the well deserved honor.To commemorate this eventaspecial series (#117) notes wereissued in denominations of one, two, four and seven dollars. All featured a likeness of Gene. The one dollar note featuredone sideof the Zerbemedal on the front and a mountain plateau scene on the back. The front of the two has and eagle along with a line drawing of Gene seated at a desk. The bourse floor is depicted on the back flanked on either side with the observers and reversethis year's commemorative medal featuring Edgar Allen Poe.

The four dollar notes shows the photo of Gene which appeared in The Numismatist and a picture of the ANA museum on the front; on the back is the obverse of the Cincinnati Numismatic Assn medal and a shoreline scene.

The back of the seven dollar note shows us the other side of the Zerbe medal along with all the names of past honorees dating to 1951. The front of the note has a bust drawing of Gene along with the obverse of the Howland Wood Memorial awardwhich is another of Gene's accolades. The notes also feature musical notes reminding us of Gene's musical background and they are of course serialized. Gene was gracious enough to autograph the notes for all who asked.

This year there was also another inductee into the ANA Hall of Fame and as Wendell began to read the introduction and to recount the recipient's accomplishments and contributions to numismatics, it became clear very quickly he was talking about Neil Shafer. Congratulations and best wishes, I am sure, go out to Neil from all of us who have the privilege to know him and it was especially appropriate that his wife and son, along with his grand daughter, were on hand to be a part of this tribute.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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What is the significance of the series number 117 on the ANA Gene Hessler commemorative notes?

Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:  
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Series E, F and G Defense Savings Bonds feature portraits of US Presidents. How many different presidents are depicted and on what denominations do they appear?

Answer:

\$10- Benjamin Franklin (not a president but on a bond)

\$25- George Washington

\$50- Thomas Jefferson

\$100- Grover Cleveland

\$200- FDR

\$500- Woodrow Wilson

\$1000- Abraham Lincoln

Bill & Kathy Myers

[A bit of a trick question, but the Myers' saw past it with their answer and it is true as far as it goes. But aren't there are two more denominations? - Ed.]

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EDITORIAL  
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This was my first ANA banquet. In events past, I was told, the speeches were long and the presentations drawn out. This was certainly not the case this year in Baltimore with Wendell Wolka as emcee. Those of us who have attended a Fest or an SPMC breakfast or any other event involving Wendell will certainly agree that adjectives such as drawn and dull do not apply. His presentation was quite enjoyable. ANA President Barry Stuppler



gavethose assembled a positive report on ANA progress in areas of concern. I was impressed with the entire event.

I mentioned the commemorative notes in my report. Each table received an envelope containing the notes. As there were ten persons per table, each envelope, I thought, should have contained ten notes. The envelope for our table had thirteen notes and it was left to the initial recipient of the envelope, in our case the vice president of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, to determine how they were to be distributed. The VP, being new to the dinner and to MFC in general, asked for some assistance. It was agreed that each one of us should take a note and pass the rest around the table. That being done, three were left. What to do with them? Assistance was sought

from Fred who left the determination to the VP who happened to be his nephew Brian. Discussion followed and suggestions were made but no resolution was found. Your editor wound up with the notes, a two (s/n G000000086H), a four (s/n G000000035H) and a seven (s/n G000000040H) dollar example. I am open to ideas on what should be done with them.

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Dear Gram,

Can I suggest that one of you guys who knows far more than I about the replicas of MPC and other military scrip that are out there contribute one of the "Related Guides" to eBay? Such a guide is then available on eBay to prospective bidders 24/7. Spell out the details. The guide dealing with phoney Pandas provides an excellent illustration of what can be done:

[http://reviews.ebay.com/Counterfeit-Pandas-Chinese-Silver-and-Gold\\_W0QQugidZ1000000000935653?ssPageName=BUYGD:CAT:-1:SEARCH:5](http://reviews.ebay.com/Counterfeit-Pandas-Chinese-Silver-and-Gold_W0QQugidZ1000000000935653?ssPageName=BUYGD:CAT:-1:SEARCH:5)

Note the embedded illustrations.

The full range of paper money Related Guides that are currently available is at:

[http://search.reviews.ebay.com/\\_Paper-Money-World\\_W0QQucatZ3411QQuqtZg](http://search.reviews.ebay.com/_Paper-Money-World_W0QQucatZ3411QQuqtZg)

Such action should serve to cover the editor's concern in Gram 1698:

"Nonetheless eBay, and the seller, should be made aware of the situation."

The only problem with these guides are they have encouraged me to deliberately buy some of the funny money to add to my collection. There is just no helping some people.

Cheers,

Kerry Rodgers

Dear Editor,

Saturday night was an exciting time for our family. My mother and daughter made rare show appearances because of my father's honor. At the banquet, I sat next to Lyn Knight, who was joined by son and husband. We all had a great time and OH, WAIT A MINUTE...I said Lyn Knight and

husband; I meant LYNNE Knight. In a very odd twist of fate, I was seated next to a woman from New York named Lynne Knight. My mother and I stared at her when she introduced herself, and I then explained my connection to LYN Knight. It made an unforgettable evening even more intriguing... Congratulations to my father on his well deserved recognition.  
Joel Shafer

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WANTED SECTION:  
Collectors may submit lists of items wanted for their collections for listing here.

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Dear Editor  
I would like to run a short ad in the MPC Gram as follows:  
WANTED British Pogs for my collection. At present I don't have any at all. I have plenty of U.S. Pogs and would like to get a representation of British pogs. Please contact me and quote price. Thanks,  
Ken Hallenbeck [kenhallenbeck@comcast.net](mailto:kenhallenbeck@comcast.net)

Dear Editor,  
I would like to run the following add in the wanted section of the mpcgram  
Japan Occupation 10 centavo notes as follows:  
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PAK, PAL, PAM, PAN, PAO, PAP, PAQ, PAR, PAU, PAV, PAW, PAX  
Any PB\_ notes  
I am in need of notes in all denominations, would appreciate it if anyone has notes for sale to get in touch with me on what you have for sale,  
Thanks, Bob [rpapagno@aol.com](mailto:rpapagno@aol.com) .

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us know and it will  
be posted.

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49th Annual Blue Ridge Numismatic Assn Convention, Dalton, GA, Northwest  
Georgia Trade and Convention Center.  
August 28-30 - [forvm@cfl.rr.com](mailto:forvm@cfl.rr.com) or [www.brna.org](http://www.brna.org)

50th Virginia Numismatic Assn convention VCU Siegel Center, Richmond, VA  
September 11(set-up) 18-20 - [cash2274@comcast.net](mailto:cash2274@comcast.net)

Long Beach Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Expo,  
California, September 18-20 - [www.longbeachexpo.com](http://www.longbeachexpo.com)

World Paper Money Fair, Friday October 3rd and Saturday October 4th,  
Mermaid Conference Centre, off Puddledock, Blackfriars, London EC4

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23 Annual National and World Paper Money Convention,  
St. Charles Convention Center, St. Louis, Oct. 16-18  
Lyn Knight auction  
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THE GOVERNMENT LACKS FACILITIES FOR PRINTING ITS CURRENCY

<http://www.history.army.mil/books/wwii/civaff/ch13.htm#b2>

submitted by Howard Daniel III

[Msg, CCAC to Eisenhower, 5 Nov 43, OPD files, 311.23, CAD, sec. VI]  
... Due to prospect of gradual termination of AMG and in conformity with terms of the Surrender of Italy, under which the Italian Government will make available such Italian currency as the United Nations may require, it is considered highly desirable that provision of supplies of AM Lira notes should be suspended and superseded as soon as practicable by supplies of Italian currency. Pending possession of adequate printing facilities and supplies of Banknote paper in the area, arrangements should be made here or elsewhere on behalf of the Italian Government for the production of such lira currency.

It is requested that you now enter into further negotiations with the Italian Authorities relative to supplying of Italian currency as indicated above, and that you keep us advised of developments. Production demands on the Treasury Department make it difficult to increase its present delivery schedules of Allied Military Lira currency.... ? ? ?

[Finance Subcom, ACC, Interim Rpt, Italian Government Finances-Last Quarter of 1943, Summary, Spofford Rpt, ex. 4-R]

8. The Italian Government has no facilities for producing its own currency. Although the armistice terms provide that the government shall make available such currency as the Allied Forces require, actually it has been necessary for us to supply the Government with currency. Arrangements are now being made to use the facilities of American bank-note companies under the supervision of the United States Treasury for the manufacture of Italian lire, and to import plates, ink, paper, and other necessary supplies into Italy so that the currency eventually can be manufactured in liberated Italy.<sup>7</sup>

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ALLIES URGED TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE ITS PUBLIC DEBT

[Msg, AFHQ to CCAC, 24 Oct 43, OPD Msg files, CM-IN 14687]

Italian government meeting service charges on debt in Sardinia and four provinces of Puglia, and issuing postal savings funds in Sardinia. It appears evident service charges must generally be met in non-German occupied Italian territory in order to pave way for improvement in public credit essential to handling fiscal problems, including mopping up of excess funds in hands of public. Consequently it is urged that change be made in monetary directive so as to permit resumption by Italians of service on Italian debt and permitting AMFA to advance AM lire for this purpose.... 8

DIRECT ADVANCES MAY BE MADE BUT GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES SHOULD BE HELD TO A MINIMUM

[Msg, CCAC to AFHQ, 17 Nov 43, OPD files, 311.23, CAD, sec. VI ]

... AMFA is authorized to make advances to Italian Government, including the Italian armed forces, whenever such action is deemed desirable in view of military necessity and duly related circumstances.

In TAM 66 [TAM-MAT, the cable series between CCAC and AFHQ] we advanced the general principle that Italian needs should be handled through regular banking channels in so far as possible and AM Lire supplied to the banks when the banking system is short of currency. This principle should not be followed if you determine that you can more effectively enforce controls which should be exercised over Italian expenditures by advancing funds directly to the Italian authorities rather than by having the Italian authorities obtain their funds from the banks.

It is necessary, in the interest of checking inflation, to keep expenditures by the Italian Government to a minimum. Control by the Control Commission and its agencies over budget, pay of troops, etc., will therefore be necessary. The method of such control can best be judged by those on the spot. You should, irrespective of shortage of currency, maintain sufficient control or scrutiny of Italian expenditures to satisfy yourself that anticipated expenditures are proper and reasonable in amount. You should make arrangements so that a statement of anticipated Italian expenditures and receipts be furnished to you at stated intervals. ? ? ?

#### SCIENTIFIC EXPENDITURE CONTROL IS FOUND IMPOSSIBLE

[Interim Rpt, Italian Govt Finances-Last Quarter of 1943]

5. The existing Italian budgetary procedures make impossible any scientific expenditure control. A more efficient system of procedures is being prepared. No attempt was made to control expenditures of the Badoglio Government until December, and even then, there was not enough data available, and due to poor communications, not enough could be collected in time to permit any substantial control over the December budget. ? ? ?

#### SOME IMPROVEMENT IS OBSERVABLE

[Finance Div, Hq AMG, Rpt for Dec 43, Spofford Rpt]

(94) During the month there was a partial resumption of the servicing and amortizing of the Italian state debt, which was received very favorably by the public. The amount of Italian 4% Treasury Bonds, 1934-43 issued in Sicily and Region II was small, and the repayments to date have involved an even smaller cash turn over than was anticipated. The resumption of full dealings in one-year Treasury Bonds on 15 December ... has resulted in new subscriptions ... which already exceed the repayment of three months' arrears in maturities and the sales of unmatured bonds. ? ? ?

#### BANCA D'ITALIA TAKES OVER ADVANCE OF CURRENCY AFTER JANUARY 1944

[Econ Sec, ACC, Rpt, 1 Sep 44]

4. As soon as the branches of the Banca d'Italia were again part of a functioning central banking system, arrangements were made for the Banca d'Italia to assume responsibility for financing all Governmental expenditure.<sup>9</sup> This system eliminated the need for ACC to advance currency [354]

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for Italian Governmental uses. The Allied Financial Agency [AFA] had earlier advanced money to help meet communal, provincial and state deficits. Through the institution of a system of financing whereby the public deposited money in the banks, the banks redeposited the money at the Banca d'Italia, and the Banca d'Italia made the money available to the government, the necessity for further AFA advances was eliminated. From 30 January 1944, no AFA advances were made to the National Government. This system was extended to the AMG regions and from 1 May

1944 all advances of AFA funds on any level in the AMG regions were stopped. Only in the AMG Fifth and Eighth Army Areas may such advances still be made. Even here, these are greatly minimized by using the Banca d'Italia to move currency forward as soon as possible. Not only were all currency advances by AFA for Italian governmental purposes stopped, but the Banca d'Italia was able to make an initial repayment of AFA of over one-third of the previous advances made, or a total of 2,100 million lire. ? ? ?

[Editors note: In the same book as the above, Howard also found additional information. We will publish that in at least two parts starting tomorrow]

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#### CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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What is the significance of the series number 117 on the ANA Gene Hessler commemorative notes?

I'll leave this up for one more day. Bill and Kathy Myers submitted an answer which was not correct but was on the right track.

Dear Editor,

As far as the 117 on the Hessler notes is he the 117th member to get the award. I know the names of the recipients are listed on the back of the notes and it is packed away in the car.

Bill & Kathy Myers

Answer next time.

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#### PREVIOUS QUESTION:

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Bill & Kathy Myers

[A bit of a trick question, but the Myers' saw past it with their answer and it is true as far as it goes. But aren't there are two more denominations? - Ed.]



[Sparky wrote in with the answer to the other two denominations, and Bill and Kathy Myers also commented]

Dear Editor,

Regarding the bonds, there are a \$5000 and a \$10,000 bond in the Series F and G. The \$5000 has Monroe and the \$10000 has Teddy Roosevelt.

Cheers,

Sparky

Dear Editor,

I thought there was a \$5,000 & \$10,000 bond. I am still on the road so I do not have all of my references with me.

Bill and Kathy Myers

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EDITORIAL  
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InMonday's Gram Wayne Homren's name was misspelled. Our apologies, more attention should have been paid to the details.

Fred and I discussed the possibility of a making a membership list available through the Gram as was suggested by one of our subscribers. It was thought that it might be composed along the lines of the listing we make up for each Fest where those interested could supply their names, mailing and email addresses and telephone numbers to make communication a little easier. We have done this for the last couple of Fests, but no listing has ever been published in the Gram. To the best of my knowledge, the Fest rosters were copied and snail-mailed to those interested. (I have one and it gets some use) The overall concern is security and there are also privacy issues.

These are taken seriously. The system we use to send out the Gram does not share or sell our membership list and it is only available to the moderator/administrator, in this case your editor and no information whatever will be given out without permission.

In the past when we are asked for a subscriber's email address, the person asking is told that his request will be forwarded to the person whose email is requested. At that point the person with the requested email can reply to the asking party. I have had subscribers tell me that their email may be given out to those requesting it through the Gram. Despite that, I still use the procedure outlined above. Don Kolkman makes an excellent point of this in his letter in Mail Call.

There is another down side to membership lists: it can circumvent the Gram and ideas, information and news can be missed. If there are questions or comments to be directed toward one subscriber that would be of benefit to all Gramsters, it should be put in the Gram so we can all get involved in the discussion. Of course, if the communication is private and not of general interest to all of us, then we can revert to the outlined procedure.

In sum, we will not publish a membership/subscriber list. I will be happy to forward all requests as appropriate.

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Dear Editor,

Wayne Homren received the Anderson award. Congratulations to him and the several organizations for making this enlightened choice. There must be some sort of union or something because Wayne makes compensation exactly the same as our editor.

Since the announcement of the Anderson award was in Gram 1699, I expect that this letter will go in number 1700. Congratulations on that. As Don Kolkman pointed out at the convention, we can now anticipate that the Gram will actually be numbered 1700--one of your enhancements. Thank you for that and for your loyal service!

Fred

[Yes it is 1700 and counting! - thanks - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

Joel must have been sitting next to Parker Knight Jr and Parker Knight III (presumed to be husband and son of Lynne Knight). Parker III is an exhibitor who just passed out of eligibility for YN exhibit awards.

Joe Boling

Dear Editor,

The latest Gram was perfect & it was sent by binhost from the ANA. So somehow it is at your computer at home that may be causing the problem.

BTW, Esylum uses binhost & I never have a problem.

Regards,

Ken Berger

[Dear Ken, Your point is well taken and it could very well be my computer. At one point the font used was questioned. Any computer types out there able to comment and help us out with this? - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

PLEASE DO NOT publish my e-mail address in any list. If someone wishes to send e-mails to the gramsters; he can do it via the gram, if appropriate, or he can request gramsters to send him their e-mail address for whatever he wants to convey.

Don Kolkman

Dear Editor,

This will come as no surprise to some...I have moved once again.

I will be trying to keep certain contact information that will not affect any moves in the future. Also, in order to keep the MFC book updated, those

of you who have attended any of the 2008 mini-fests, please send scans of the notes received. If you are unable to get me scans, send me the notes and I will make scans and return your notes. If you created the notes for a mini-fest, please also include a brief explanation of the notes produced. Please make note of the following;  
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Thanks,  
Al Glaser

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Dear Editor  
I would like to run a short ad in the MPC Gram as follows:  
WANTED British Pogs for my collection. At present I don't have any at all. I have plenty of U.S. Pogs and would like to get a representation of British pogs. Please contact me and quote price. Thanks,  
Ken Hallenbeckkenhallenbeck@comcast.net

Dear Editor,  
I would like to run the following add in the wanted section of the mpcgram  
Japan Occupation 10 centavo notes as follows:  
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PAK, PAL, PAM, PAN, PAO, PAP, PAQ, PAR, PAU, PAV, PAW, PAX  
Any PB\_ notes  
I am in need of notes in all denominations, would appreciate it if anyone has notes for sale to get in touch with me on what you have for sale,  
Thanks, Bob rpapagno@aol.com .

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SHOW CALENDAR: If anyone knows of a show or event not listed, please let  
us know and it will  
be posted.

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August 20 (set-up) 21-23 - <http://www.whitmanexpo.com/>

49th Annual Blue Ridge Numismatic Assn Convention, Dalton, GA, Northwest  
Georgia Trade and Convention Center.  
August 28-30 - [forvm@cfl.rr.com](mailto:forvm@cfl.rr.com) or [www.brna.org](http://www.brna.org)

50th Virginia Numismatic Assn convention VCU Siegel Center, Richmond, VA  
September 11(set-up) 18-20 - [cash2274@comcast.net](mailto:cash2274@comcast.net)

Long Beach Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Expo,  
California, September 18-20 - [www.longbeachexpo.com](http://www.longbeachexpo.com)

World Paper Money Fair, Friday October 3rd and Saturday October 4th,  
Mermaid Conference Centre, off Puddledock, Blackfriars, London EC4

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23 Annual National and World Paper Money Convention,  
St. Charles Convention Center, St. Louis, Oct. 16-18  
Lyn Knight auction  
[kfoley2@wi.rr.com](mailto:kfoley2@wi.rr.com)

MOON (Minnesota Organization of Numismatics) Coin Show, Brooklyn Center,  
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October 17-19 - [mooncoinclub@aol.com](mailto:mooncoinclub@aol.com)

3rd Annual Pacific Northwest Numismatic Assn/Willametter Coin Club Fall  
Show.  
October 17-19 - <http://www.pnna.org/>

Indiana State Numismatic Assn, the Indianapolis Marriott.  
October 31 - November 1 - [www.indianastatenumisnatics.org](http://www.indianastatenumisnatics.org)

Santa Clara Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo, Santa Clara Convention  
Center  
November 12(set-up) 13 -16 auction by Superior Galleries

Whitman Baltimore Coin and Currency Convention, Baltimor Convention  
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November 21-23 - auction by Bowere and Merena -  
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54th Annual FUN Convention, Orange County Convention Center, FL  
January 8-11, 2009 - dwellers@embarqmail.com- www.funtopics.com

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6. BRITISH AND AMERICANS ARGUE OVER KIND OF CURRENCY TO BE USED

Submitted by Howard Daniel III.

Part One

Here is more from somewhere else in the book I am researching.

<http://www.history.army.mil/books/wwii/civaff/ch23.htm#b1>

QUESTION OF THE TYPE OF CURRENCY TO BE USED IN NORTHWEST EUROPE

[Ltr, F. Phillips, Br Sup Council in North America, to Daniel W. Bell, Undersecy of State, 6 Feb 43, CAD files, 123 (2-6-43), sec. I]

1. A number of difficult questions relating to currency arrangements for future operations remain unsettled and in the spirit of the messages exchanged between the Secretary of the Treasury and the Chancellor of Exchequer, who agree that all such questions should be the subject of common discussion, I would much welcome an opportunity to go over some of the important questions with you. ? ? ?

2. It is, I think, agreed policy in all cases that we should use ordinary local currency whenever it is available or can be obtained. But we know that owing to considerations of availability of such currency and of military security we shall not be able to rely solely on this method of payment....

For the operations in French North Africa we are using British Military Authority (BMA) notes and you are using ordinary dollar notes distinguished only by the yellow seal. The first and most important question is whether the same policies should be adopted in European operations. We suggest that there would be great advantage in your using special notes as we do.

Many of the arguments which led to your decision in the case of North Africa do not apply to the countries of Europe. North Africa was a dubious neutral; the expedition was a great adventure and it was important to do everything to avoid any possibility of political friction. In Europe we are more likely to be dealing either with genuine allies or with genuine enemies. It is true that the yellow seal dollars have been more popular than our BMA notes but this has been no disadvantage to us. We have had no difficulty, so far as I have heard, in getting our notes accepted for the current purposes for which they were designed; and the preference for dollars only becomes a decisive factor when it comes to hoarding. . . .

On the other side, it seems to us that there are certain definite disadvantages in the use on the continent of Europe of ordinary dollars even if they are distinguished by a yellow seal or other similar markings. . . . What arrangements we may make for passing the cost of occupation to the enemy countries are a matter for later decision when it comes to making an armistice but it is at least a grave complication if the inhabitants of those countries have, in the meantime, received genuine American dollars which sooner or later can be used in the United States. They are likely to become an immediate instrument of hoarding.

If, on the other hand, you use spe-

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cial notes and put on the enemy government the burden of recalling them within a given time after which they will become valueless . . . this particular trouble is taken off of your shoulders. . . .

3. A second question, if one assumes that special notes are to be used, is whether they should be denominated in sterling and dollars or in the local currency concerned. I fear that the practical answer is that even if we preferred local currency denominations, we could not print the notes in time. At least for the present we feel that we must increase our stock of sterling BMA notes rather than try to make a new series of notes for all possible countries concerned.

4. In the case of the Western European Allies, the question remains of the use to be made of the local currency Which the exiled governments have prepared. Those governments have asked both our governments to discuss the question of future currency arrangements with them. I think we are agreed that we must take full account of their views but that, for reasons of military security we cannot disclose our plans in advance. We are anxious that they should produce their notes in quantities considered adequate by those authorities. ? ? ?

BRITISH FROWN ON USE OF SPECIAL CURRENCIES IN LIBERATED COUNTRIES  
[Min of Mtg Held in McCloy's Office, 24 Sep 43, 11 CAD files, 123 (2-6-43)]

? ? ? Before the combined meeting, Mr. Taylor [U.S. Treasury] distributed to the U.S. members copies of the memorandums setting forth Treasury Department opinions regarding ... Occupation Currency, European Theater and . . . Rates of Exchange for the Metropolitan franc. An exchange of views of the U.S. members took place and it was agreed that, after the Treasury memorandums had been studied, an agreement would be effected on the American side prior to coordination with the British.

Sir David Waley [UK] stated to the combined meeting the British position concerning various aspects of the problems under consideration, with several details, relative thereto, including the following points:

(1) The British prefer to use currencies of the countries to be liberated and, if possible, to avoid use of BMA notes and yellow seal dollars.

(2) Regarding supplies of various currencies, Dutch guilder notes are being printed in Montreal for the Netherlands governments-in-exile.

(3) The British desire to use Metropolitan francs as invasion currency for France. It is not certain, however, that the supply available is adequate.

(4) The situation regarding amounts available of Belgium francs, Dutch guilders and Norwegian kroners remains to be clarified....

(5) The governments-in-exile would make available, in advance, supplies of their currencies, subject to future settlement. Early payment would be expected for such currencies used for payment of troops and other military disbursements....

(6) The British are inclined to leave a large measure of responsibility to the governments-in-exile as to fixing their rates of exchange. ? ? ?

U.S. TREASURY FAVORS USE OF YELLOW SEAL DOLLARS IN THE SPEARHEAD PHASE  
[Treasury Dept Memo, 23 Sep 43, sub: Occupation Currency, ET, Circulated by Taylor to UK Members of Mtg Held in McCloy's Office, 24 Sep 43, CAD files, 123 (2-6-43)]



## I. Occupational Currency Problems in Military Operations

In considering currency problems associated with military operations it is convenient to distinguish between the three stages of occupation: (1) the spearhead invasion period, (2) period of military control, and (3) period of civilian control.

I. Spearhead Invasion Period. During this period the military is fighting to establish its bridgehead or foothold over the area and all other considerations should be completely subordinated. ? ? ?

II. The U.S. Army must be certain that "Spearhead" Currency will be eagerly accepted by the local population in friendly areas

The primary consideration in the choice of a currency to be used by the military in the opening stages of an invasion is the effect the use of that currency will have on military operations. The Army must have a currency that can be easily obtained in adequate amounts and that will be accepted without hesitation by the people in the invaded areas.

The U.S. dollar seems to be ideally suitable for use by American military forces during the initial stage of an invasion operation. Throughout the world the dollar is the symbol of the financial  
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strength and of the vast economic resources of the United States....

The use of U.S. currency dollars may have the added effect of inducing a feeling of currency stability and economic order, thereby removing one factor of disruption to the local economy that is attendant upon any military invasion. ? ? ?

The U.S. Army is quite satisfied with its experience in North Africa and Sicily with yellow seal dollars and is prepared to employ this same type of currency during the initial period of invasion elsewhere if the situation seems to warrant it.

## III. British Views on Currency To Be Used in Spearhead Operations

Prior to the landings in French North Africa, the British War Office indicated that it was in favor of using special military currency (such as the British Military Authority note) for spearhead operations. The British cited the experience of Germany in Western Europe where the Nazis used special military currency and also referred to the use of BMA notes in Tripolitania as illustrations of the successful use of that type of currency. The British opposed the use, by the United States, of the U.S. dollar on the grounds that it was too expensive a currency, i.e., because it would probably have to be honored at face value in the future. The American Government, however, felt that all other considerations should be subordinated to the one paramount issue—the success of the military operations.

The question of money costs is not and should not be a decisive consideration, particularly since, in the final analysis, the cost of the operation obviously does not depend on the type of currency employed, but depends, rather, on other broad policy decisions.

Apart from the fact that ultimate costs can be controlled in other ways, the relationship of the use of U.S. dollars to costs is not likely to be significant for the following reasons:

(1) The shift from spearhead currency to local currency can be effected in a very short period of time....

(2) When it is decided to recall dollars from circulation, it is anticipated that the great majority of these notes will be returned to our officers in exchange for local currency. ? ? ?

Since the invasion of North Africa, British views about the desirability of spearhead currencies have changed and they now seem reluctant to continue the use of the BMA note. This reluctance may have stemmed from the fact that the British feared that the BMA note would circulate at a discount vis--vis the dollar unless it was linked to the dollar. By linking the BMA note to the dollar it became subject to some of the criticisms which the British levied against the use of yellow-seal dollars. Even when linked to the dollar the BMA note did not receive as favorable a reception as did the yellow-seal dollar.

London now tends to favor the abandonment of the BMA note for use in friendly areas and the adoption of local currencies in their possession and refugee currencies printed in London (and Montreal) by the refugee governments. This view raises the question anew as to what currency should be used during the spearhead period.

In addition to the objections mentioned above to the general use as spearhead currency of yellow seal dollars and BMA notes, the British have additional objections to their use in friendly countries. They feel that the exiled governments strongly resent the use, in the initial and later periods, of any currency other than the refugee currency prepared by those governments or such old local currency as may be in their possession.

The exiled governments in oral discussion with U.S. Treasury officials and in memoranda submitted have advanced the following reasons for their opposition to the use as spearhead currency of any but their own prepared or old local currency:

1. The refugee governments view the use of currencies not under their control as being both an infringement of their sovereignty and politically injudicious inasmuch as it may tend to prejudice their case in the eyes of the local populace. . . .
2. That the injection of such currencies will lead to a disruption of the monetary system through increasing distrust on the part of the local population in their own currency and may give rise to premiums on foreign currencies and discount for local currency....
3. Currencies not controlled by the exiled governments will be hoarded by the local populace. . . .

It is not felt that these arguments are particularly weighty in view of the significance and importance of the military operations. These objections may be answered forthwith:

1. The Sovereignty of the Governments-in-Exile. The argument that the use of currencies not under their control may infringe the sovereignty of the governments-in-exile appears to be premised upon a faulty perspective. These governments will owe their very existence to the efforts of the Allied military machine. Unless they object to the use of the Allied armies as an infringement of their sovereignty, there can be

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little basis for objecting on that ground to the use of one of the economic weapons which those armies deem effective to assure complete victory. ? ? ?

2. Disruption of Local Currency Systems. Objections have been voiced to the use of yellow seal dollars in the spearhead operations, on the grounds that many different kinds of currencies would necessarily have to be dealt in and these would tend to disrupt the local economy and render it difficult for the local government to control its currency system at a later period.... The yellow seal currency and BMA notes could readily be withdrawn from circulation at a date to be determined after the invasion, by placing a time limit on the period within which they would be accepted as legal tender....

3. Currency Hoarding. In view of the fact that the yellow seal dollars and the BMA pounds are currencies expressly designed for use in spearhead operations and distinguishable from the currencies circulating in the United States and Great Britain, the withdrawal of these currencies from circulation should present no great problem...

. refugee government currencies might constitute a military hazard. Some of the governments-in-exile do not enjoy wide popularity among the native population. . . . For American troops to appear in the guise of liberators and immediately start using currencies of the governments-in-exile might prejudice the case of liberation in the eyes of local inhabitants. ? ? ?

#### THE THEATER STRONGLY OPPOSED TO USE OF YELLOW SEAL DOLLARS

[Msg, SHAEF to WD, 8 Nov 43, CAD files, 123 (2-643), sec. I, CM-IN 4980]

Use of Metropolitan francs as spearhead currency strongly favored this Theater, sufficient supply of same being available for initial operations. Plans should be made for supply of another currency, preferably an allied military franc. Possibilities of having such currency printed here now being explored upon which you will be advised later. Strenuous objections exist against use of yellow seal currency for the following reasons:

It seems inappropriate to liberate an occupied country and immediately introduce a new currency;

It adds one more type of currency to be dealt with by finance officers, British and Canadian Field Cashiers.

In those cases where costs of operation will be charged to country occupied, it will be impossible to have country bear expenses initially if yellow currency is used as this will always remain an obligation of the United States to redeem....

#### AN ALLIED MILITARY NOTE THAT LOOKS FRENCH WILL BE USED

[Msg, Hilldring to McCloy at SEXTANT, 5 Dec 43, CAD files, 123 (2-6-43), sec. I, CM-OUT 1927]

... The currency that we are proceeding to print is the Allied military franc and not the French Republic franc. Both Mr. Hull and Mr. Stimson are agreed that the printing and use by Allied military forces of a French Republic Franc would confer upon the Committee a degree of recognition with respect to Metropolitan France which would jeopardize if not endanger the President's formula for dealing with the Committee. The Allied military franc in any form is not acceptable to the Committee according to Monnet. However, Monnet has been informed by Mr. Stimson that in his opinion there is no alternative in view of the terms under which the French Committee has been recognized by the United States. In the light of this understanding, Monnet has conferred with the War Department, State and Treasury Officials in the preparation of an Allied

Military franc which is least objectionable to the French and we are proceeding to provide this type of Allied military franc. ? ? ?

#### PRINTING OF ALLIED MILITARY FRANCS IS HALTED

[Memo, Hilldring for CG, ETOUSA, 17 Dec 43, CAD files, 014, Fr (3-8-43) (1), sec. 2]

1. Supplementing my memorandum of 6 December 1943 [Chapter XXII, sec 3] regarding the above subject, you will have received from the Combined Chiefs of Staff through the British Chiefs of Staff cable dispatched to COSSAC today concerning monetary and fiscal planning for the various Western European countries. However, the following should be added in order to bring information up to date in regard to plans for France.

2. Paragraph 6a of my memorandum of 6 December 1943 indicated that we could proceed at once with the preparation and printing of A. M. francs for use in Metropolitan France. A few days later the British Ambassador to the United States, Lord Halifax, called upon the Secretary of State and informed him unexpectedly that the British Government is now opposed to use of an Allied Military franc. The British now propose a French national currency

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issued by the French National Committee.

3. In view of the President's message of 26 November 1943 and the principles set forth in the Dunn-Wright formula for civil affairs for France, the above mentioned developments brought to a halt the arrangements which had been started for the printing of an A.M. franc issued by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Treasury Department. Consequently the cable sent you today by the Combined Chiefs of Staff stated that final decision regarding franc currency must await further consideration at highest levels.

4. You will be kept posted of further developments as promptly and fully as practicable. Planning for France and other Western European countries is being pressed forward here as a matter of urgency.

#### SCAEF TO ISSUE A SUPPLEMENTAL FRANC BUT WILL NOT CALL IT MILITARY

[Cable GOV 2, CCAC to SCAEF, 29 Jan 44, GOV 2, CCAC files, 123 (10-30-43), sec. I, CM-OUT 12364]

... following is present status of plans regarding production of supplemental invasion currencies for countries indicated below: France-design for franc note issue has been approved by US and UK authorities and concurred in by French mission in Washington. This supplemental franc issue will be printed in Washington on behalf of Allied Military Commander and for use under his authority. No mention of military is contained in design. Treasury Department indicates printing can commence by February 15 and probably earlier....

#### WAR DEPARTMENT AGREES TO EXPEDITE THE SHIPMENT OF FRENCH FRANCS

[Msg, SHAEF to WD, 4 Feb 44, CCAC files, 123 (10-30-43), sec. 1, CM-IN 2923]

Have seen GOV 2 . . . seriously concerned at lack of finality in currency arrangements for continental operations. Essential that all necessary

currency for OVERLORD be available in UK at least one month before D Day. We must also bear in mind possibility that RANKIN might occur before OVERLORD D Day, or might rapidly follow launching of OVERLORD....

[Msg, CAD to SHAEF, 6 Feb 44, CCAC files, 123 (10-30-43), sec. 1, CM-OUT 2661]

... The packing of French francs for the first shipment to London has already started and the last of printing of forty billion will have been finished before April 15. It is believed that this time schedule can be shortened. Currency will be shipped periodically as sufficient stocks become available...

#### LOCAL BELGIAN, DUTCH, AND NORWEGIAN CURRENCY FOR ALLIED TROOPS

[Msg, CAD to CG, ETO, 29 Apr 44, CCAC files, 123 (10-30-43), sec. 1, CM-OUT 29891]

We have been informed by Morgenthau that the governments of Belgium, Holland, Norway, acting in accordance with our request, have made available to you amounts of their local currency for use of American Armed Forces that may participate in the liberation of these countries. Our request to these governments was that the currency should be turned over to you as Supreme Commander in such amounts and such places and in such units as you might deem necessary.. . .

[Msg, SHAEF to WD for CCAC, 9 May 44, VOG 36, CCAC files, 123 (10-30-43), sec. 2, CM-IN 6821]

Currencies turned over to the War Office by the Belgian, Dutch and Norwegian governments-in-exile are available to SCAEF for all purposes, including needs of U.S. forces without prior conclusion of Treasury agreements as to terms and conditions. SCAEF now exercises control over these currencies with the War Office acting as SCAEF's agent. The Financial Branch, G-5 Division, SHAEF, is the Staff division charged with responsibility to SCAEF on these matters.

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#### CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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Who was General Homma Mashharu and what is significant about him with regard to numismatics?.

As a bonus, what was his fate?

Answer next time.

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#### PREVIOUS QUESTION:

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What is the significance of the series number 117 on the ANA Gene Hessler commemorative notes?

Two correct answers:

Dear Editor,

It was the 117th ANA Annual Convocation. It is written all over the place at the convention. Also, for the prior question there were \$5,000 & \$10,000 Series F & G bonds.

Bill & Kathy Myers

Dear Editor,

Regarding the 117 on the ANA Gene Hessler notes:

Seeing as how the ANA was founded in October of 1891, that would make it 117 years old this year.

Russ Walsh

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EDITORIAL

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A couple of suggestions as to what to do with the ANA banquet Hessler notes were discussed in Baltimore and in emails. It was suggested that since I had the notes, I should keep them for my own collection. This idea was dismissed as I already have one note and for me to keep the others would not be "cricket". I did receive a telephone call right after Gram 1699 was sent. The caller suggested the notes be sent to a collector in upstate New York who would gladly pay for them in FRNs. Other ideas were that the notes could be auctioned off on eBay by sending them to Dan Freeland or they could be auctioned off in the Gram. Another idea is to hold the notes and put them in the Fest X auction. Proceeds from any of these auctions would go to the scholarship fund.

After the ANA dinner Joe Boling and I looked at all 38 tables to see if anyone had left their notes behind. Apparently, this has been a common occurrence at past banquets. This time, however, and I suspect it was because the notes honored Gene Hessler, none were left unclaimed.

My own opinion is that the notes should be auctioned off in the Gram. I would also suggest that the Great Lakes Bank Note Company be solicited to submit a one dollar denomination to add to the other three denominations so that a complete set is offered.

All other ideas and suggestions are welcome and we can let the majority dictate what will be done.

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MAIL CALL: send mail to mpcgram@yahoo.com  
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Dear Editor,

Not sure if this has been reported in earlier Grams, if not, thought some of you might be interested to know that the Academy Award winning film:

The Counterfeiters (German: 'Die Flscher') is going to be released on DVD on August 5th.

This is a fictional account of Operation Bernhard at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. It is based on a memoir written by Adolf Burger, a Jewish Slovak typographer who was imprisoned in 1942 for forging baptismal certificates to save Jews from deportation, and later interned at Sachsenhausen to work on Operation Bernhard.

It is in German with English subtitles.....maybe someone who gets the DVD could give a review in the Gram.....I am sure any Gramsters would view the film with a critical eye.....looking for anything incongruous.

Not sure if it was released in theatres in North America but I can't wait to get/rent the DVD to see if they show the juicy details like breaking the serial number codes on the BOE notes, making the paper, jabbing pinholes or roughing up the notes to give them that circulated feel. Hope there are some good close-ups of the notes!.....

After reading about Mark "Sparky" Watson's recent Movie Money purchases, I thought he may be able to find some of the Operation Bernhard Movie Money for his collection if it surfaces on ebay.

Best regards,  
Murray Hanewich

Dear Editor,

Another note about Baltimore. At the NLG Bash, gramster Kerry Rodgers was awarded the title "Best All-around Portfolio," in a three-way tie with Q. David Bowers and Coin World's Jeff Starck. Pretty good company.  
Joe Boling

Dear Editor,

The following have reserved a bourse table for FesX:

David E. Seelye  
Jack Lippincott  
Harold Kroll.

Last Years Bourse was a sell out, don't miss out!

Bourse Chairman David E. Seelye [thempcman@verizon.net](mailto:thempcman@verizon.net)

Dear Gram,

In your master website David's (Seelye) phone # and e-mail address are no longer current??? I noticed he hasn't advertised in the gram or in the Bank Note Reporter for some time now????????? I recently heard he wasn't at the Clayton, NY collectible's show either which was one of his more popular haunts.....

Cheers,  
Colin R. Bruce II

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Any PB\_ notes

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Thanks, Bob rpapagno@aol.com .

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by Fred Schwan

I hope that Joe Boling bought a lottery ticket today. 8.8.8. There are not many days like this. As I write this, I am watching the opening

ceremonies of the Olympic games. Obviously, this particular date was selected because of the unique nature of the date.

Fester and Gramster George Fitzgerald is in Beijing. I do not know if we have any other Gramsters there, but I am pretty sure that we do not have any other Festers there. Neither do I do I know how many games George had attended, but it is a big number. Safe journey, George.

You may not have ever thought of it this way, but Joe and I attempted to use a WWII era perspective in assembling Remembered. That is why the book is organized the way that it is. I do not know how well we accomplished our goal. It is not as easy and it may seem coming from our post war perspective as we do.

During the war, England and the United States produced a series of pamphlet for their respective troops called Pocket Guide to Country Name. I have acquired a few of these pamphlets over the years.

A few months ago I decided to start pursuing more of them with the goal of taking country information from them for inclusion in Remembered. It seemed like a perfect way to get some of that contemporary information and hopefully, perspective.

Well, I started buying the pamphlets on eBay and guess what. I am now hooked on collecting the darn things. Actually, I am a little disappointed at the pertinent numismatic information that is included in most of them and even the geopolitical information is not as perfect as I anticipated, but there is more to attract me.

First, I found that the breadth of countries covered is more than I anticipated. Now, it is not more than I should have anticipated which gets to that perspective issue I think. Nonetheless, there are many pamphlets. You can be sure that one of these days, I will share a list with you.

When I purchased the first one, I discovered that there is a GPO (government printing office) job number printed on the last (or nearly last) page. When I had a few, I discovered that the some of the numbers were consecutive and some were in groups of consecutive and near consecutive numbers. It was like studying serial numbers.

Then I found that some of the booklets had more than one edition, say 1942 and 1944. In all but one case, the text is identical or nearly so (as far as I have been able to determine). The one with a significant difference is China. An entire section from the first edition was left out of the second and with good cause from our politically correct perspective. That section is titled: "How to Spot a Jap." The intended purpose was to describe how a soldier could visually differentiate between a Allied Chinese and an enemy Japanese. This was a desirable objective, but not likely easily accomplished task. The goal was approached in a rather ugly way that was unlikely to have any usefulness. The entire section was left out of the second edition.

At the ANA convention I was telling the story of how I had lost out on a new pamphlet on eBay. This was very much to my surprise because I doubted that anyone would value them as much as I. That is when a Fester told me about the one that he has. It is from a country that I have not yet seen and had not even thought of--but should have--Brazil.

Now, I have made another discovery. I may (or may not) be the only one collecting these pamphlets as a group, but I am not the only one with an interest.

A book has been written about the English Pocket Guide for Germany. The pamphlet and the book are titled Germany 1944. It is a small, but

interesting, book. Basically, the authors found the production materials for the pamphlet in the British national archives then analyzed the pamphlet and the materials. It is an interesting little book.

The booklets continued long after the war. Possibly they are still being produced. I positively am going to collect ONLY the WWII era booklets. If you EVERY hear me say anything else, take my checkbook and break into my Paypal account to make me stop.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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Who came up with the idea of barter stores in post war Germany?

Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:  
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Who was General Homma Masaharu and what is significant about him with regard to numismatics?.

As a bonus, what was his fate?

A number of answers were received as were comments on the previous question about the series number of 117 on the Hessler notes:

Dear Editor.

[General Homma] issued a silver military campaign medal in the Philippines.....was hung after criminal war trials in Japan.  
Colin Bruce

Dear Editor,

He conquered the Philippines for the Japanese. Numismatically he was in charge when Philippine JIM was introduced but he is better known for the Homma medal he had struck to commemorate expedition to the Philippines. After a trial in the Philippines and being found guilty Homma Masaharu was executed by firing squad on 3 APR 1946.

Bill & Kathy Myers

Dear Editor,

Russ Walsh has it right - it was not the 117th annual convention of the ANA. but the 117th Anniversary Convention. There has not been a convention every year of the association's life.

I suggest that there were three extra fest notes at your table because some attendees failed to take notes from the ten in the envelope. Most likely to have passed are the battalion clerk, The Boss, and Mrs. The Master Sergeant. [Joe - there were thirteen notes in the envelope for our table]

Note that General Homma's given name is misspelled in this gram - Masaharu, not Mashharu. The exhibitor of the US Army counterfeits of

Philippine JIM at the ANA convention had the same problem (though s/he spelled it yet another way - Masuhara).  
Joe Boling

Dear Editor,  
Of course I should know since I gave the Homma Medal presentation at the Philippine Collectors Forum last Friday, 1 August. He was the General of the Japanese Army that defeated Gen MacArthur in the Philippines from Dec 1941 to April 1942. He was executed by firing squad after a military trial in 1946.  
Ray Czahor

Dear Editor,  
Well, I suspect 117 is that it is officially the 117 Anniversary Convention (not annual convention since they did not have annual conventions at the start.)  
George Cuhaj

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EDITORIAL  
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Today's date is significant in the Asian culture and the number eight is held in high esteem and is considered very lucky. News reports here in New York mentioned these facts and the fact that this year China has experienced a major snow storm and the earthquake. These, according to the reports, are not all negative and that prosperity will prevail in the end. It was also pointed out that the Olympics began at eight minutes after the eighth hour on the eighth day. At the ANA banquet, I commented to Joe Boling that he should consider buying eight lottery tickets today and that he would probably win. Louise promptly commented that she liked my idea. Good luck to Joe, I hope he wins!

What prompted the General Homma question was the Philippine Collectors Forum held at the ANA in Baltimore. The event is well organized and informative. At this year's meeting, Ray Czahor had on display a number of Homma medals struck on different metals including one struck on a Philippine peso. I was aware that Homma was the general in command for the Philippine campaign and that he was executed after the war. A Google search revealed quite a bit of information about him. He was fluent in English having spent time in England at the Japanese embassy. He was also a poet. His attitude towards the Philippine people was one of respect and tolerance as opposed to the oppression. He was tried by a military tribunal after the war and charged with, among other things, with complicity and responsibility for the Bataan Death March. There was also speculation that having defeated General MacArthur's army in the Philippines, it was a foregone conclusion that his trial for war crimes would end in his being found guilty and sentenced to death by firing squad.

Lastly, look at Mr. Zahler's letter below. This is a great opportunity to get a new collector (and quite possibly Gramster and ultimately a Fester) into the fold. There must be some duplicates out there. Let me

know here at the Gram and I'll coordinate and I would ask Mr. Zahler for his first name and that of his nine year old. An address would also be a help.

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MAIL CALL: send mail to mpcgram@yahoo.com

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Dear Editor,

I have a patient that was a B-17 co-pilot who was shot down on Jan 11, 1944 during the 1st raid after New Years. His primary target was Brunswick which was fogged in so they went to the secondary target of Aschersleben where they were shot down. His name is George Ed Smith and I asked him if he might know Jim. He said that it would depend on when Jim was shot down, because Stalag Luft I was a large camp. He later looked in a book that he had but couldn't find Jim. I am not sure I know what kind of a book he is talking about. He is very sharp and does not mind telling stories about his experience. He talked about experiences such as when Max Schmeling came to visit the camp. Apparently he had been wounded earlier in the war and was like a celebrity that visited various camps. He also said that they were not treated badly if you were an American or British POW, but if you were Polish then that was a different matter. The most

chilling part of talking to Ed was when he reached in his pocket and showed me a key-chain which had his keys and the prisoners half of his POW tag. He said the other half must be somewhere in Germany. People like Ed and Jim are a national treasure. I sure wish we could have them come to fest to tell their stories about their captivity. You might mention Ed's name to Jim sometime and ask if he might have known him.

Dave Frank

[Dear Dave, Thanks for your letter. I will ask Jim if he is aware of the book you mentioned and if he knows George Ed Smith. And, I agree with you that they, and the others who served, are national treasures. - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

As a minor addition to the excellent series of articles about Cigarettes as Currency, it may be worth noting that in his 1967 book, "Money and Conquest - Allied Occupation Currencies in World War II", Vladimir Petrov writes on page 187: "Since money was rapidly losing its original value and therefore most of its meaning, a new universal medium of exchange replaced it: the cigarette. The price of one cigarette during the first three years of occupation was about 7 marks, that is, 70 cents at the official rate of exchange in the United States zone, or over \$2.00 in terms of the legally frozen price-wage level.

"The remarkable value attained by the cigarette provided the Soviet authorities with a new means of extracting from the German population formerly hidden assets. They started selling Russian-made cigarettes for gold; sixty cigarettes for one gram of gold. When no more gold was obtainable in the zone, the Soviets decided to sell cigarettes for paper money, but at prices close to those of the black market. ... This operation netted about 5 billion marks in profit."

The author was discussing "Soviet Occupation Practices" and military currency in the Russian Zone after WWII.

In addition, on page 206 in the "American Black Market" chapter the author notes that: "A pack of cigarettes bought by a GI at the United States Army Post Exchange for five cents sold on the black market for at least 100 marks, or \$10; a five cent candy bar sold for \$5; ... a Mickey Mouse watch , which cost \$1.98 at a PX stores, sold for \$150-\$200; ..."

Perhaps cigarettes should be added to WWII Remembered? Not!! [Would some photos be okay? - Ed.]

David Prentice dprentic@accn.org

Dear Editor,

Looking for WWII stuff for my nine year old. He is a history buff and would give any one of us a run for our money. Need inexpensive stuff to cure the curiosity.

G.Zahler

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Die Falsher (The Counterfeiters),  
a review by Herb Friedman  
Someone asked for a review. I finally got to see Die Falsher today. I had waited until it appeared in some local theater but it only was shown in NYCs art movies. I have waited for a few months but finally rented it today at Blockbuster.

It was a bit of a stinker. That is, I have written about Operation Bernhard and have probably a dozen books on the subject and this movie has a lot of fiction in it, or at least it does not seem to be the way the rest of the counterfeiters recall it.

To start, it was written Adolf Burger. I read years ago that there was a lot of controversy because Burger made himself quite the hero in the book. Sure enough, in the movie he single-handedly keeps the Germans from producing a forged American dollar. He sabotages the process for weeks. In most of the other books I have read it is stated that there was no sabotage because it was clearly understood that it would mean instant death. So, we have a problem right from the start.

There is also the problem of the counterfeit dollars. Some books say that the Germans never solved the problem; some say that they solved one side of the banknote, and some say that they completed a very limited number of notes. I have not made up my mind of that yet.

We also have the complete absence of Bernhard Kruger. The words Operation Bernhard are mentioned several times, but we never see him, just a Sturmbannfuhrer Friedrich Herzog. One wonders if there was a Kruger estate that threatened a lawsuit. I assume this character was Kruger.

Very little time is spent on the counterfeiting process. Most of us really want to see that part of the operation, but the movie spends more time on personalities. At the end the German Sturmbannfuhrer returns to get some banknotes he had hidden in the barracks and is disarmed by inmate Salomon Sorowitsch. I am fairly sure that never happened because if there was a banknote or a scrap of paper missing in the print shop there would have been executions. I doubt hundreds of thousands of

dollars could have been hidden. Also, Bernhard was last seen with his secretary driving off in a convertible.

The most interesting aspect of the movie is not even shown. In reality, everything was taken to the alleged Alpine Retreat that was supposed to be a last defense, but instead the notes were hidden in Austrian lakes. None of that happened, just a comment that the presses were leaving and the counterfeiters never leave Sachsenhausen. Bernhard was captured a few times, offered the position of counterfeiter by the French, and finally died a bitter man.

So, the movie was interesting, but it was one inmates view of the operation, one in which he makes himself a rabid anti-Nazi that is willing to let all the other inmates die to keep the Germans from winning the war. I don't think so.

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Who came up with the idea of barter stores in post war Germany?

The Myers again answered correctly:

Dear Editor,  
Mrs. Lucius Clay, wife of General Lucius Clay (commanding general, US Forces, Berlin) and was modeled after the prewar tausch Ringen (barter stores). First store opened in Berlin 20 JUNE 1946.  
Bill & Kathy Myers

Another correct answer to the Gen. Homma question:  
Gen Homma Masaharu was in charge of the Japanese forces that took control of the Philippines and he had a medal struck (SB2251, p. 631) that has a poem of his included on it. He was shot outside Manila in 1946 after being found guilty of war crimes by a military tribunal.  
Cheers,  
Sparky

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EDITORIAL

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Reading Herb Friedman's review of the Counterfeiters answered some questions I had when I saw the movie. Before getting to that, let's say the subtitles seemed a little off to me. I do not speak German, but I do recognize a few words here and there and it seemed there were some liberties taken with the translations. Perhaps I'm wrong, but that is the way it appeared to me. Secondly, the quality of the actual film could have been better. I didn't think the Burger character was realistic at all, and I agree with Ken about the money being hidden for later retrieval. The controls on the prisoners would have been very tight, and I doubt they were treated as good as it appears in the film. I too was disappointed about not seeing more of the actual counterfeiting operation and I could have used more explanation for the terms being used.

I hadn't realized that there was that much work done on trying to counterfeit the US hundred dollar bill. Remembered make mention of the attempt, but goes no further. How the counterfeiters came up with the proper paper was a puzzle in my mind and the film, in that part was correct, clears it up with the use of rags. A listing of the books Herb mentioned would be helpful and I'll publish the list in the Gram in case anyone wants more info on the subject.

Overall the film wasn't bad, but I expected more from it. As we used to say, it had a nice beat but it was a little tough to dance to.

If memory serves, Joe Boling did a review of the film and one of his comments was that the gutters on the printed sheets were very large and due to the shortage of proper paper, that never would have happened. Perhaps Joe can give us a little bit more information.

In Baltimore I met Danny Spungen. You may recall he asked for a notice in the Gram about the CCC Show in Chicago a few weeks back. Dan is very interesting man an avid collector of Bernhard forgeries and showed us quite a large number of them in various denominations and grades. All were slabbed. He is excited about the idea of the Fest. He also told us he knows one of the prisoners involved with the Bernhard forgeries and that he is still alive and living about an hour or so from Port Clinton. More info on this will follow.

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Dear Editor,

Just for info...Mrs. Shelton (a new fester) is actually named Gerda Shelton...she is Austrian by birth and her Mother was there during WWII

Dean Shelton

[Dear Dean, Can we look forward to some interesting stories? - Ed]

Dear Editor,

The next London Coins auction will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 6 and 7 September 2008. The catalog is on-line at <http://www.londoncoins.co.uk/index.php?page=Catalogue>. In their category of World Banknotes, lot 629 is a USA \$25 War Bond dated in December 1943 for one of our Gramsters to bid on.  
The Master Sergeant Daniel

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SPECIAL NEWS TO THE GRAM  
by Neil Shafer

An era has come to an end. C.M. "Niel" Nielsen of Salt Lake City, UT, died peacefully the evening of Aug. 10, in his sleep at the age of 86. He was the world's foremost scholar in the area of Philippine guerrilla currency, having amassed a marvelous reference collection and literally thousands of selected duplicates as he researched these notes. Collectors may remember him from his attendance at earlier Memphis paper money shows, where he would sit in the bar all day long while individuals, including yours truly, would come up to him and discuss various things. I believe he stopped going to Memphis about 12 or 15 years ago. He became a victim of arthritis that got progressively worse, and at the end he was barely able to move around, according to Ray Czahor who was there recently. We'll get back to that later.

As a member of the merchant marine Niel was able to visit the Philippines at least 30 times. During those visits he accomplished some great research from first-hand sources on all aspects of the complex issues of guerrilla currency during World War II. I had heard of him before my 1974 book was to be published, and we had some correspondence about several specific items before publication, but his schedule did not allow for any substantive contact until much later, long after the book came out.

At first he was quite critical of the book, but later on we became good friends and his criticism became a lot less strident. I found his information to be without parallel in the field, and I asked him to provide the data that has appeared for a while in the Philippine section of the Standard Catalog Specialized Issues (Vol. I). He had much more information, especially on local issues, but since I was not actively working on the subject I did not pursue it with any degree of intensity.

I should also include here his strong interest in anything WWII. This was especially true for WWII stamp issues from just about any country involved in the war. Additional areas of high interest to Niel were POW chits, propaganda notes and leaflets, tax coupons and stamps, also many books and source documents. The scope and breadth of his materials in these areas was truly amazing.

I mentioned Ray Czahor earlier. He went to Salt Lake City this year and negotiated the purchase of Niel's entire holding of guerrilla currency, including all reference pieces and boxes of duplicates. I had the distinct pleasure of being able to see it all just after the ANA convention in Baltimore, and there are some really great and important pieces in this holding. Ray and I went through it all, and we decided that in fact there was enough unpublished material at hand that we would like to try and update my 1974 publication if possible. It will be a long and slow process and we will keep you informed as to our progress from time to time.

This report started out by saying that an era had come to an end. We have lost the one individual who really knew these notes inside-out. If a new book is the result of his collection and data it will certainly be dedicated to him and what he accomplished in this field. We can do no less.

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We have some interesting answers to the championship question. I'll leave it up another day to give some others a chance to send in their answers.

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#### EDITORIAL

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My dealings with C.M. Nielsen consisted of one letter in which I questioned him about the so called 10 and 20 peso Mauro counterfeits of Philippine Guerrilla currency. I had obtained Nielsen's address from Neil Shafer.

Mr. Nielsen was gracious enough to send me a lengthy typewritten letter explaining that the notes were not really counterfeits of the Mauro's but "modern" issues from Manila. He also included examples of the notes which are now part of my collection. The letter is also with the notes.

Over the course of the past few years, I have been collecting various Philippine paper issues and many of these have been from auctions conducted by Ray Czahor. From these auctions I have won a number of JIM notes from Nielsen's collection. These notes usually come with small pieces of paper inside the holders explaining any significant characteristics attributes to the particular note. In Baltimore, I was able to go through a number of envelopes containing various examples of over-stamped JIM notes from Nielsen's collection and came home with quite a few. Also available for examination were some stamps Nielsen had from Germany. These and a large assortment of stamps from various participants in World War II will provide study material for the the next edition of Remembered.

I regret that I never had the opportunity to speak or to meet Mr. Nielsen and I trust he left sufficient notations on his collection in order that his knowledge can be passed on.

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Dear Editor,  
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Center  
in Gering, (Scottsbluff) Nebraska from 9 am to 5 P.M..  
Thanks,  
Larry Gibbs

Dear Editor,  
I'm trying to see how many block (?) varieties the Union of Burma  
Independence Savings Certificate has (WWIIR, p. 661). I have the question  
mark after "block" as I'm not exactly sure if it is a block or a release  
issue reference. I have two varieties, as can be seen here:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/warbonds/BurmaOccupied>

The character I'm referring to is the single red letter about 1/3 down  
from the top. The very curvy "m" is the first character in the Burmese  
alphabet, while the upside down "e" is the second character. I'm assuming  
it's a block as to the best of my ability at scanning the front and back  
of the certificates, all the other information is the same.  
Feel free to reply back to the Gram or myself. If any additional  
varieties are noted, I will summarize and forward to the Gram.  
Cheers,  
Sparky (mcwatson@yahoo.com)  
[Dear Sparky, I examined my copy of the certificate and it has the curvy  
"m" "block" number .  
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More on Bernhard Notes,  
by Herb Friedman

You asked for a listing of the books in my library. Walla. So let it be written, so let it be done. Here are just a few that I used in my own write up of the Bernhard operation:

Burger says in Unternehmen Berhard in regard to the dollar project that the inmates selected to counterfeit the U.S. dollar were Solomon Smolianoff, Norbert Levy (chief of the photographic department), Abraham Jacobson (director of the copy department), Adolf Burger (typographer) and Leonard and Roger Weill (retouchers). The painters Leo Haas and Peter Edel would assist them as needed.

The main problem was to find an adequate printing method. Genuine dollar notes were printed in rotogravure but the inmates did not have the correct type of printing press. It was decided instead to print the notes in the Lichtdruck process. This method uses a glass plate that is covered with light-sensible gelatin layer on which the film negative is exposed. No screening is necessary to reproduce halftone pictures, but only up to

1.000 copies can be printed from one plate. A typical feature of this seldom used printing process is the wrinkled grain that is seen instead of screen dots under a magnifying glass. Burger claims that they attempted to counterfeit \$50 and \$100 banknotes with the Lichtdruck process. He says that only two-hundred copies of the \$100 note were printed.

The German-language movie Die Falshers (The Counterfeiters) based on Burgers book depicted the inmates handing Major Kruger forged American banknotes.

Did the Germans really counterfeit U.S. currency? Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp inmates were interviewed at the end of the war at the Seventh Army Interrogation Center . Two Jewish prisoners, Jacob Goldglass and Henrik Fajermann stated on 20 May 1945 that the counterfeiting team that had produced millions of fake British pounds had planned to counterfeit American banknotes late in the war. The secret report stated:

The camp had thirteen machines for the production of British pound notes and two machines for the production of American dollar bills. The latter could not be produced because of the lack of suitable paper.

A declassified report entitled Counterfeiting Activities of Section 6-F-4 in the Reichssicherheitshauptamt (German Main Security Office) agrees:

It was also planned to produce American dollars. Section 6-F-4 already possessed the necessary engraving plates but had not been able to produce a satisfactory paper. The paper on hand was much too stiff and had other failings.

We know that part of the block 18 dormitory was cleared for the dollar workshop in May 1944. There is a theory that Kruger was willing to have the project linger on since a successful ending or total failure meant his inmates would be executed and he might find himself on the Eastern Front facing the Russians. As a result, the dollar project stretched on and on. Anthony Pirie says in Operation Bernhard, William Morrow and Company, NYC, 1961:

Early in January 1945, Kruger received a phone call from Sachsenhausen. Soon afterwards, in Block 19, he was minutely examining the first run of the new dollar notes a hundred samples of the hundred-dollar bill.

Burke adds in Nazi Counterfeiting of British Currency during World War II, The Book Shop, San Bernardino , CO, 1987:

On the 6th of January 1945, a selection of notes was shown to Himmler in which, it is said, he could not separate the genuine from the copies. The engraving was much harder than for the simple Bank of England notes, but the numbering system proved to be quite easy to break. Some of the prisoners involved thought that about 200 of the \$100 notes were printed. McNally [a U.S. Army major who had served in the American Secret Service and was appointed to Germany after the war to protect the occupying forces from counterfeit currency], in his investigation, estimated about 6,000

Lawrence Malkin says in *Krugers Men*, Little, Brown and Company, NYC, 2006:

Within two days they had printed what Smolianoff [the one true criminal counterfeiter in the group known by a dozen aliases] judged a pretty fair copy of the back of a hundred dollar bill. Across a table the Dollar Group spread fifteen genuine greenbacks with their fake demonstration bill. Without a magnifying glass, it was hard even for the forgers themselves to distinguish the counterfeit.

The group then started work on the front of the \$100 note and after a week they had a suitable \$100 counterfeit note. The inmates were ordered to produce one million dollars of U.S. currency a day.

The Counterfeit specialist Murray Teigh Bloom, author of seven books on currency, wrote in an *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence* article entitled *Uncle Sam: Bashful Counterfeiter* that the Germans attempted to counterfeit a U.S. \$20 note. He says that the operation proceeded so slowly that it was never completed. I have seen no other evidence of this denomination being counterfeited.

So, although there is no evidence of the German counterfeits ever being put into circulation, there are numerous written references to them being printed.

The classified Secret December 1945 Czechoslovakian Ministry of the Interior Report on Forgery in Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. Translated to English it says in part:

Kruger brought in about fifty 100 dollar bank notes. For whole months the work did not produce satisfactory results. Faults could be seen in the application of color. At other times they failed to achieve the right tone of green for the reverse side of the 100 dollar notes. 220 experiments were made altogether until at the end of December 1944 they were able to begin on the production of the bank notes. But although the prisoners had an ultimatum from Himmler to manufacture dollars, the actual production was never carried out. Altogether about 200 one hundred dollar bank notes were printed. These were left in the camp.

John K. Cooley says in *Currency Wars*, Skyhorse Publishing, NYC, 2008:

Kruger turned over some genuine \$50 and \$100 notes to copy. The SD leadership had originally demanded that the team produce 200 perfect \$100 specimens. On the two hundred and fiftieth attempt the result was twenty-four perfect \$100 counterfeits. During the same night, the team printed the required 200 bills, face value \$20,000.

On the other hand, Wilhelm Hottel says in *Hitler's Paper Weapon*, Rupert Hart-Davis, London, 1955:

Fifty and hundred dollar notes and produced the first examples by the end of 1944 when the first dollars were delivered in early 1945, they were turned down because of defective paper.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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Designs used on MPC were taken from a number of other sources. Name three of those sources.

Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:

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When Japan invaded the Philippines and it became very probable that allied forces would have to retreat and abandon Manila and eventually the entire Philippines, what happened to all the Philippine currency and silver coins.

Here are the answers received:

Dear Editor

I remember reading about silver, etc. being dumped in the bay when Japanese forces were about to take Manila during WWII. Your question from your attached MPCGram refreshed my memory.

Al Espen

Rossford, Ohio

Dear Editor,

Answer: Gold bullion and silver coins were taken out in the ballast of submarines and some of the coins were dumped at the mouth of Caballo Bayin about 100 ft of water. The Japanese recovered some of the coins. The serial numbers for any notes \$500 or greater were recorded and the paper money was burned.

Bill & Kathy Myers

Dear Editor,

Question answer: The coins (not sure about the currency) were dumped in the ocean near Manila.

Larry Gibbs

Dear Editor,

I don't know about the paper money, but the silver coins were dumped in Manila Bay. Many were recovered after the war and are available on the collector market as sea salvaged.

Jim Vrba

Dear Editor,

Coins & currency held by the populace in the Philippines, continued to be held by the populace. Coins held by the government were dumped into Manila Bay. Not exactly sure what happened to the currency held by the government.

Ken Berger

Dear Editor,  
General MacArthur and President Quezon decided to pack up as many silver coins (and some gold) as they could, then dump them overboard at the mouth of Manila Bay. I think most of the paper currency was burned.  
Murray Hanewich

Dear Editor,  
Concerning the Philippine coins and currency in the Manila area during the Japanese takeover; They were dumped into Manila Bay.  
Michael Payton

Dear Editor,  
Regarding the Philippine coins and paper money, some was shipped back to San Francisco in the ballast tanks of the U.S.S. Trout. The rest, 425 tons of silver coinage, was moved to the bottom of Caballo Bay. However, the divers responsible for sinking the coins were captured, and in turn, were used by the Japanese to salvage the material.  
Cheers,  
Sparky

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EDITORIAL  
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Thanks to all who responded to the last question; the response was gratifying. What brought this question to mind was a conversation I had with John Riley at the Philippine Collectors table in Baltimore. John is a collector of Philippine numismatics and stamps and gave a nice presentation on Philippine tokens at the Philippine Collectors Forum. His presentation included military and transportation related items. While we were chatting I noticed a VHS movie in his case entitled "Pacific Inferno". John said he bought the movie, which starred Jim Brown and Richard Jaeckel, because it dealt with the disposition of Philippine coins during the war. He also showed me a copy of an April 1959 Reader's Digest article with the title "The Great Manila Bay Silver Operation". The article describes what happened to the Philippine money as the Japanese took control of the Islands.

Early in 1942 millions of dollars in currency were burned after the serial numbers were recorded. About two million dollars in gold and \$360,000 in silver were sent to San Francisco on the USS Trout, an American submarine. Approximately 8.5 million dollars (17 million silver pesos) were dumped into Manila Bay by the US Navy. By summer, the Japanese noticed their JIM was becoming less valued and a lot of Philippine silver was entering circulation. They were aware of the dumping operation and located some Navy divers who had become prisoners of war after the surrender. The divers were tasked to recover the silver for the Japanese. They did what they were told to do and while delivering silver to the enemy they managed to keep some for themselves. Using the Filipino workers as couriers, they distributed their recovered silver to

the local population for their use and kept some to give to other POWs also enlisted to help in the operation.

The article goes on to say that the Japanese probably knew what was going on, but did not know how it was done, nor could they find the silver that was misdirected. After the war, the Navy raised about \$2.5 million dollars worth of silver and in 1947 a contract granted to two Americans by the Philippine government brought up about \$250,000 more. There is, however according to the article, more than four million dollars in silver still at the bottom of the bay. Any divers out there? And, by the way, John Riley told me not to bother with the movie, it was pretty bad.

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MAIL CALL: send mail to mpcgram@yahoo.com  
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Dear Editor,  
Glancing at MPCGram 1703 left me really bewildered about the lack of knowledge of Operation Bernhard . The statement that the notes were not removed from Sachsenhausen and the "Sonderkommando of the Inmates" were not freed by U.S. troops is simply not true. Basis for a good information of Adolf Burger's "Des Teufels Werkstatt" The Devil's Workshop. I reread a few pages of the 1985 edition. The English translation was sold from my website. Bryan Burke's books mentions some of the details. He personally visited the Topplitzsee area and met local people with authentic information. I went to Google (good source for a lot of information) Here are a few links for you. You can go beyond the first page and probably find more info.  
<http://www.google.at/search?hl=de&q=Redl+Zipf&btnG=Google-Suche&meta=>

[http://wapedia.mobi/en/Operation\\_Bernhard](http://wapedia.mobi/en/Operation_Bernhard)  
Here is another one for you. I went to Amazon and found that a new version of the English translation of The Devils Workshop is in the works for publication Feb. 2009. You may want to reserve a copy and be notified when it comes out.  
[http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_ss\\_gw?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=The+Devil%27s+Workshop%2C+Adolf+Burger&x=10&y=17](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_gw?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=The+Devil%27s+Workshop%2C+Adolf+Burger&x=10&y=17)  
Happy Reading  
Beate Rauch

Dear Editor,  
I was a good friend of Nielsen too. The things you remember about a person are very strange. He visited me once and since I had no alcohol in the house we decided to go to a bar where he could have a few beers. We ended up sitting there and talking for about four to five hours. I must have made two or three trips to the men's Room, but Nielsen never got up once. I remember thinking at the time that he was either a superman or had a solid steel bladder. That was impressive.

In later years he started smoking some real nasty cigars. He would send me a letter (he never figured out how to use a computer) and the pages would stink so much from the smoke that you could not keep them in the house. I would take them outside and hang them on the line like the wife's wash. An hour or two of sunshine and breeze would get the worst of the smell out.

He was brilliant in his numismatic knowledge. Of course, he never softened the way he critiqued you. He would read my articles and send me a "nasty gram" with all kinds of complaints. I would call him and we would get it all settled, but right to the end he was an example of a grizzly old reprobate living in the mountains. My buddy Howard once told me that when he visited, the stink from the cigars was so bad that he would sit out on the porch while Neil sat inside the living room and they would talk through the screen door. That was Neil to a T.  
Herb Friedman

[Editor's note: I can't explain, or change, the font size of the letter in the previous two letters. I can't explain why they came out the way they did. Perhaps it was because that is the way they were received and copied over in the same font.]

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WANTED SECTION:  
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Dear Editor  
I would like to run a short ad in the MPC Gram as follows:  
WANTED British Pogs for my collection. At present I don't have any at all. I have plenty of U.S. Pogs and would like to get a representation of British pogs. Please contact me and quote price. Thanks,  
Ken Hallenbeckkenhallenbeck@comcast.net

Dear Editor,

I would like to run the following add in the wanted section of the mpcgram

Japan Occupation 10 centavo notes as follows:

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PAK, PAL, PAM, PAN, PAO, PAP, PAQ, PAR, PAU, PAV, PAW, PAX

Any PB notes

I am in need of notes in all denominations, would appreciate it if anyone has notes for sale to get in touch with me on what you have for sale,  
Thanks, Bob rpapagno@aol.com .

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John Retigko, Brian Giese\*, Dave Frank. Ron and Wes Hardy, Judy and Fred Schwan.

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SHOW CALENDAR: If anyone knows of a show or event not listed, please let us know and it will be posted.

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5th Whitman Coin and Collectibles Atlanta Expo, Cobb Galleria Center  
August 20 (set-up) 21-23 - <http://www.whitmanexpo.com/>

49th Annual Blue Ridge Numismatic Assn Convention, Dalton, GA, Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center.  
August 28-30 - [forvm@cfl.rr.com](mailto:forvm@cfl.rr.com) or [www.brna.org](http://www.brna.org)

50th Virginia Numismatic Assn convention VCU Siegel Center, Richmond, VA  
September 11(set-up) 18-20 - [cash2274@comcast.net](mailto:cash2274@comcast.net)

2nd Annual Wy-Braska Coin & Stamp Show, Saturday September 13th, 0900-1700 at the Gering Civic Center, Gering (Scottsbluff) Nebraska.

Long Beach Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Expo,  
California, September 18-20 - [www.longbeachexpo.com](http://www.longbeachexpo.com)

World Paper Money Fair, Friday October 3rd and Saturday October 4th,  
Mermaid Conference Centre, off Puddledock, Blackfriars, London EC4

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23 Annual National and World Paper Money Convention,  
St. Charles Convention Center, St. Louis, Oct. 16-18  
Lyn Knight auction  
[kfoley2@wi.rr.com](mailto:kfoley2@wi.rr.com)

MOON (Minnesota Organization of Numismatics) Coin Show, Brooklyn Center, MN  
October 17-19 - [mooncoinclub@aol.com](mailto:mooncoinclub@aol.com)

3rd Annual Pacific Northwest Numismatic Assn/Willametter Coin Club Fall Show.  
October 17-19 - <http://www.pnna.org/>

Indiana State Numismatic Assn, the Indianapolis Marriott.  
October 31 - November 1 - [www.indianastatenumisnatics.org](http://www.indianastatenumisnatics.org)

Santa Clara Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo, Santa Clara Convention Center  
November 12(set-up) 13 -16 auction by Superior Galleries

Whitman Baltimore Coin and Currency Convention, Baltimor Convention Center  
November 21-23 - auction by Bowers and Merena -  
<http://www.whitmanexpo.com/>

Michigan State Numismatics Society, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, MI  
November 27(set-up) 28-30 - [www.michigancoinclub.org](http://www.michigancoinclub.org)

52nd Money Show of the Southwest, Houston, TX, George R. Brown Convention Ctr  
December 4th(set-up) 5-7 - [texascoins@comcast.net](mailto:texascoins@comcast.net)-  
[www.houstoncoinshow.org](http://www.houstoncoinshow.org)

New York Inc, Waldorf Astoria - admission charge  
January 8(set-up) 9-11, 2009 - [www.nyinc.info](http://www.nyinc.info) - [kfoley2@wi.rr.com](mailto:kfoley2@wi.rr.com)

54th Annual FUN Convention, Orange County Convention Center, FL  
January 8-11, 2009 - [dwellerse@embarqmail.com](mailto:dwellerse@embarqmail.com)- [www.funtopics.com](http://www.funtopics.com)

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TWIRR #15

by Fred Schwan

I was sad to read Neil Shafers report of the death of C.M. Niel Nielsen. I had picked up on the idea that he was gravely ill by talking (briefly) to Ray Czahor at the ANA convention.

Neil was many things. To me the most important was that he was a GREAT collector. He was also a great researcher, possibly the greatest. In addition to the great research that Neil Shafer described C.M. doing in the Philippines, C. M. did great research in Washington and other places. Much of the research that he did in Washington was at the National Archives. I believe that many of the documents that he reviewed (and in many cases copied there) have not seen light since C.M. looked at them. Unfortunately, CM was also secretive about most of the research. He intended to publish his results, but the years stretched to decades and now the fruit of most of his work is lost. It is great that Neil and Ray will be able to glean information from CMs collection.

Neil mentioned that CM was a merchant seaman. If you look in the early Toy books in the 1960s, you will see that A Seaman was a contributor. I did not learn for many years that A. Seaman was C. M. Nielsen.

Neil Shafer described some tension between the two of them over Neils book. When that book came out in 1974, I was writing a column for the Bank Note Reporter. I wrote a glowing column praising the book (it IS a wonderful book). Of course I did not submit the column until a few days after the deadline. A few days after that, I received a call from Grover Criswell (founder and publisher of the BNR) essentially rejecting my column because he also had an article from CM criticizing the book and did not want to have conflicting reviews. I am sure that Grover also held the book in high regard, but felt that some controversy was good for the youthful paper (about a year old at that time). Of course Grover wanted me to send in another column. If I am terrible with deadlines, they certainly were not very important to Grover.

From time to time over the decades I found my copy of that column in my archives, but I have not seen it recently. I hope that I find it one of these days. I have had two other articles rejected over the years. I will tell you about those one of these days.

CM also had plenty of criticism for Remembered. Of course I was pleased when he made constructive criticism or suggestions, but they were actually few. His favorite (and loudest) complaint shouted in my face many times at the bar in the Memphis hotel was that he did not like the organization. That is he wanted an alpha listing ala Pick. Actually, although a few people have some trouble with the organization, CM is the only one who has ever seriously complained about it (the organization). I believe that he liked being argumentative and cantankerous. CM, rest in peace. You are missed.

[Dear Fred -Is it "TWIR" or "TWIRR" ? - Ed.]

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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Designs used on MPC were taken from a number of other sources. Name three of those sources.

Answer next time.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION:

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Designs used on MPC were taken from a number of other sources. Name three of those sources.

Bill McNease writes:  
Stamps, vignettes, currency

Bill is incorrect in his answer but I should have been more specific in wording the question. I am looking for three of the actual sources (stamps, vignettes, currency) used. Tell me which stamps, etc were used.

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EDITORIAL

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I would like to use this space today to report onevents occurring at the Baltimore ANA before the eventis too far in the past.

Fred came up to me on the bourse floor with the August copy of Bank Note Reporter. My copywas left at home so I had nothad a chance to read it.Fred pointed out that Jeff Smith, a serious MPC collector from Idaho, whom we had met at FUN and again in Memphis, had won the PCGS Currency Set Registry Award for 2008in the Best Military Certificates category by completinga set of MPC.Congratulations to Jeff. Ihave seen some ofhis notes andI think it would be nice if he brought his complete set to Fest X.

There were a number of exhibits with military themes:

The origins of the Purple Heart Medal were pointed out along with the criterion necessary for the award. Of interest was the fact the of the three original medals awarded (as a medal of merit) during the Revolutionary War, two have survived to this day. The medal, designed by L'Enfant was the original idea of George Washington.

A nice selection of challenge coins along with some history made an exhibit and it was noted that not all challenge coins are round. Displayed with the enameled coins were those in the shape of a helicopter and what looked liked a armored personnel carrier.

There was an eBay ad featuring a leather US War Savings bond holder, an envelope used for keeping Treasury Notes for payment of Taxes and a one pound Australian War Savings Certificate dated 11-26-41.

An exhibit entitled "Different coins for a Torn World - Changing Coinage During WW II Era" contained various war savings stamps, gas rationing items including windshield stickers and coins from the US, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Russia and Germany specially minted as a result of the conflict. Various sources were quoted in the bibliography, but, surprisingly, there was no mention of Remembered.

Bill Myers exhibited a copy of each of the counterfeit issues of Philippine Jim and each was outfitted with magnification to make viewing the diagnostic easier. There was also a counterfeit one peso note that had been overprinted with a JAPWANCAP stamp.

Trench art was defined as "...any souvenir made from an artifact of the respective war in the vicinity of that war". The non-competitive exhibit featured bracelets andnecklaces made from coins and was put together by Fred with input from The Boss.

Two more pieces of MPC came my way at the show, which leaves me two more five dollar notes to complete the basic set. Care to guess which ones they are? An interest in Ho Chi Minh trail notes was started in Memphis and I managed to pick up two more examples of those issues. Also found were two small notes from Ljubljana which were billed as partisan issued. From what could be gleaned from the poor translations I was able to find on the Internet, the notes have a culinary connection. Possibly they are some type of meal vouchers.

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Dear Editor,

I think we may have a translation problem. Herb Friedman reports in his follow-up on Operation Bernhard (quoting Burger) "Genuine dollar notes were printed in rotogravure ...." Of course, this is not correct. Genuine US currency has been printed from intaglio plates for generations. It may be that the Germans wanted to use a photographic transfer ending in a rotogravure plate, and did not have the right equipment, but such would have been a poor reproduction. I am not familiar with the lichtdruck process that was referred to as their backup technology. Thanks to Herb Friedman for the comprehensive synthesis of his several sources.  
Joe Boling

Dear Editor,  
The font & size in both the regular Gram & the one you sent me was fine, so I don't know what you are talking about. The As appeared in the regular Gram but not yours.  
More mysteries regarding computers.  
Ken  
[Dear Ken and subscribers: When some of the letters used in yesterday's Gram were copied over into the draft, they were in different fonts and sizes, hence I put the note in. However, when I received my copy of the Gram everything was the same size and font. Sorry for the confusion - Ed.]

Dear Editor,  
Here are a few more details concerning the involvement of the USS Trout (SS-202) in the removal of gold and silver from the Philippines. The official war record of the Trout stated:  
"Trout's second war patrol took her to the Philippines with a cargo of ammunition. At Corregidor in early February 1942 she took aboard twenty tons of gold and silver for transportation to Pearl Harbor. On her return trip, by way of the Formosa Strait and the Bonin Islands, she sank a Japanese freighter and a small patrol vessel."  
"She left for her eleventh war patrol early in February, 1944. At the end of the month she encountered a troopship convoy bound for the Marianas, sank one transport and damaged another. USS Trout was not heard from again, and was apparently sunk at that time by Japanese destroyers. More than eighty crewmen were lost with her."  
<http://www.history.navy.mil/photos/sh-usn/usnsh-t/ss202.htm>  
David Klinger

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6th Annual Philippine Collectors Forum Report  
bt Ray Czahor

The PCF was another outstanding success with great presentations and with 40+ attendees. I will post photos on my web site when I receive them. A summary writeup is below. Next meeting will be next Summer at the Los Angeles Convention center, August 5-9, 2009

The Baltimore ANA show was a success of sorts. At my table the first day, I didn't sell any Philippine items until after 6PM--very unusual!! However, the word got out that I had a group of Chinese silver coins and was cleaned out of those by pesky Chinese dealers and collectors. The final four days there was strong demand for Philippine MS and Proof 63, 64, 65, and 66 encapsulated coins--I sold many which I probably won't be able to replace again. Scarcer Philippine Paper under the US also sold well. I was able to buy some nice raw coins on the floor as well as a decent partial collection of 5, 10, 20, and 50 Centavo pieces. Since I had the lots for Mailbid XII at the show, many collectors took the opportunity to review the lots that they had interest in before bidding. Neil Shafer and I spent several days surveying and organizing at the top level C.M. Nielsen's guerrilla/emergency note collection. We found a number of notes neither of us had ever seen before but several scarce notes Neil had sold to Nielsen many years ago were missing--it is my job to go through all the boxes down to the last note (among some 50,000) to see if I can find them. At this point, Neil and I have decided an update to his 1974 book is warranted but will be a long term project but we are going to start on it.



Ray Czahor opened this years meeting stating: our PCF club meets once a year at the ANA Worlds Fair of Money on Friday afternoon with the primary purpose of educating novice and experienced Philippine Collectors alike. We are a self-supporting ANA club through member /attendee donations. We have a free raffle of Philippine coins; stamps, books, albums, and ephemera at the close of our meeting and most attendees always come away with two or three selections for their enjoyment.

Our opening speaker this year was Mr. James Taylor owner and president of the newly reconstituted ANACS grading service. He answered questions on: Grading problems/Discussion w/Emphasis on Philippines. He briefed us on the history of ANACS and answered questions about this service. He noted that ANACS has two of the top authenticators in the country in J.P. Martin and Michael Fahey. Some of the questions concerned grading and noting Philippine varieties on the slab label. We were pleased that ANACS authenticates and identifies Allen varieties for Philippine coins on their slabs unlike several other major services. Mr. Taylor also discussed the plague of Chinese fakes appearing on the market. One of our members offered detailed in country prepared study notes on identifying authentic Vietnamese and Thai coins for the ANACS library to use. Mr. Taylor also discussed how new graders are trained with grading sets and the use of their over a 1000

coin reference book library. ANACS graders are required to be consistent with the grading tools they use i.e. lighting and loupes so results are consistent. His discussions were well received and gained an applause from the 40+ attendees. One of our members had a problem with a 1906S Peso rejected recently by ANACS for authenticity. Our PCF experts judged it to be genuine; ANACS offered to take a second look at it.

Mr. Neil Shafer was next on the program, His presentation entitled "My Introduction to Philippine Guerilla/ Emergency Notes. He spoke on his involvement in the history of the discovery and documentation of the many types of Philippine WWII guerrilla notes. He is the author of the seminal reference book on the subject (Philippine Emergency and Guerrilla Currency of World War II). One of our attendees, an ex PT boat sailor of WWII in the Philippines made some interesting eyewitness contributions to the discussion about some rare notes he had obtained during the war. This was another in a line of very good and very educational presentations by Neil Shafer at our PCF meetings.

Our third presentation was by Dr. Gary Weiss entitled The Interesting Cagayan Province Revenue Stamped emergency Notes. Gary as a coin /stamp collector has performed an extensive study on the revenue stamp varieties themselves, and those that are known to exist on the Cagayan notes plus those that could still be discovered on these notes. He noted that revenue stamps used on the notes came from printings in 1930, 1931, and 1934 and are distinguishable presenting sub varieties of note denominations. Also, many varieties show extensive doubling. Gary had computer photos of all the varieties on the various notes for everyone to look at. Thank you Gary for enlightening us, and expanding our knowledge about these very interesting and desirable notes.

Dr. Greg Pineda was next and spoke on The Mystery of the RARE Philippine Proof Peso. He noted that two pieces of 1907(P) Pesos were discovered in 1979. They were apparently trial pieces struck at the Philadelphia US Mint to test the fineness and strike of the to be newly reduced size silver Pesos: one in .800 fine and the other in .900 fine. The Central Bank Museum acquired the .900 fine Peso while the other went into a private collection. After many years, Dr. Pineda recently was able to acquire the latter piece for his collection, a great addition!

Mr. John Riley shared with us Philippine tokensCoins with a Soul. John stated that tokens can impart a personal, human story that coins and paper money produced in quantities of millions for commerce cannot. Tokens rarely boast the values of the regular coinage series, but they make up for it in their variety and affordability. Most are considerably scarcer than their coinage counterparts. Shortly after Admiral Deweys triumphant Manila Bay campaign, token manufacturer Frank and Company set up operations in Manila (1899) and was the primary source for private merchants, the U.S. military and even governmental contracting (the 1913 Cullion Island Leper Colony token series) until about 1925. Classic Frank & Co. brass or aluminum tokens are distinctive for their beaded or milled borders and upturned bottom serif on the 2 and are found both in English and Spanish-language as well as denominated in dollars/cents and pesos/centavos. Many

military and merchant issues of the 1950s and 60s were brought back to the United States in quantity as servicemens souvenirs. Examples often are encountered from Paulines Club (Basso-318, Olongapo, Zambales and Angeles City) as well as the great BEER, BEER, BEER tokens in various denominations (Basso-270 and variations believed to originate from the Olongapo/Subic Bay area). Often a give away of an otherwise unmarked Philippine token is a 20 (centavos) denomination; most locations would opt for quarter-of-a-unit (25) markings. One example of a possible fantasy is the 5-cent Post Exchange Corregidor piece (Cunninghams PI 410) which recently has been seen in numbers. With such a historic WWII background, it is curious that a seemingly common piece such as this wouldnt have appeared on Gilbert Perez token lists nor in Neil Shafers or Aldo Bassos works. Value of tokens is of course is based on the old economics maxim

of Supply vs. Demand and, happily, the future looks bright with the popularity that Philippine numismatics is currently enjoying. Examples can be made of the \$100+ now being realized by the 1955 Right with Mapeco Pencils bus token from Clark Field first pictured in Shafers U.S. Territorial Coins of the Philippine Islands and \$200 + for an odd over-struck 1928-M one centavo coin marked Harrys or Hydro Recreation Room (attributed in Ray Czahors Variety and Oddity Guide). Thanks, John for an interesting view of Philippine tokens, a first for the PCF meeting.

Numismatic researcher, Mr. David T. Alexander, join our forum unexpectedly to give us a very interesting historical briefing about the Rare Philippine Triad Pass Medal, dated 1944. He had color photo handouts of one and a Coin world article he had written some years ago dated December 11, 1991 entitled: Philippines triad Pass medal needs research (only three known). During the discussions the forum members identified

that at least seven medals exist. Thank you David, we are glad to have added to your research with more information.

Mr. Ray Czahor made a brief presentation entitled A short discussion of the Japanese Homma Medal and Varieties. This medal was given to Japanese soldiers for their victory in conquering Fort Corregidor Island and the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines during the opening months of WWII. They are interesting and desirable because they are very scarce and some were over- struck on the smaller U.S.-Philippine pesos. To own one is a prize in any collection. Ray provided a very professional handout on the results of his exhaustive study entitled: A Study Of The Die Varieties Of Philippine/Japanese Homma Medals. This will now allow any one to decipher what variety they may own, and help in their authentication. Ray also put together a display of 30 Homma medals and lead trial strikes of various kinds/ varieties. Due to the rarity of these pieces this was an amazing feat, Thank you Ray, for your efforts, and scholarly presentation.

Mr. Ken Seymore gave the final presentation entitled The Philippine Mystery Gold Coin. He related a tale presented to him in a letter some many years ago. It was an offer to sell a Philippine gold 1945-D twenty-centavo piece in gold. The letter told the story of three known and that they had been authenticated by the mint as real and were presentation pieces. Such pieces were not presently known to exist. The pieces are now scattered amongst three owners somewhere. Ken found out much later that the Philadelphia mint was at the time striking gold bullion coins for Saudi Arabia for use by the oil company Aramco. The small quarter ounce piece was virtually the same diameter as the twenty-centavo. What puzzled Ken more was what could possibly be the presentation they were intended for? Further research revealed that there was a significant Philippine presentation opportunity in the same time frame. This was the 4 July 1946 Philippine Independence

Day ceremony from the United States. The identity of the individual who offered the piece has long ago been forgotten, because at the time it was felt the piece was counterfeit. It was only recently that these new facts have crossed together. To this day the pieces have not shown up. Hopefully, they will, and more research can be done. Several people in the audience showed some excitement over the possibilities of these pieces existing and being real. Thank you Ken for making everyone more aware that there are still things in the Philippine numismatic world yet to be discovered.

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Philippine guerrillanotes from Cagayan with revenue stamps come invarious denominations. How were these amounts determined?

Answer next time.

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Designs used on MPC were taken from a number of other sources. Name three of those sources.

Bill McNease writes:  
Stamps, vignettes, currency

Bill is incorrect in his answer but I should have been more specific in wording the question. I am looking for three of the actual sources (stamps, vignettes, currency) used. Tell me which stamps, etc were used.

Bill and Kathy Myers wrote:  
Series 681 fractional notes features the submarine Thomas Edison is taken from a photograph of the submarine. Series 591 Statue of Liberty is from a 17 cents airmail stamp. The vignette on face of the 641 and 651 \$10 note is from the vignette Science Presenting Steam and Electricity to Industry and Commerce on the \$2 1896 educational note.

This is more of what I was looking for. A lot of this information is in the beginning of the current edition of the MPC book.

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EDITORIAL

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As you can see by Ray Czahor's report, the PCF was another interesting and informative presentation. I was especially interested in the Philippine revenue stamps since I have a nice collection of the Cagayan guerrilla notes they are affixed to and because I was able to pick up a dozen stamps from John Riley at the PCF/NI/IBNS table.

I found two types of Internal Revenue Stamps: one with a palm tree and the second with a female holding a hammer on an anvil. The latter type are the ones used on the notes. Some of the stamps are serialized with two sets of identical numbers, and others were date stamped, either by what appears to be a rubber stamp and in one case a handwritten date. Two different types of "VICTORY" overprints were found, both indicating the stamp was a documentary one and another with the amount stamped (four centavos on a one centavo stamp) and this one is also perforated with part of the word "PAID" and what looks like a date. It would be interesting to have a complete set of stamps and the corresponding notes, although in the case of the 200 peso note, that might not be possible as only a little over forty pieces are known. I happen to know where one of those pieces (held together by scotch tape and in poor shape) resides and I doubt it will become available.

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Dear Editor,

Our 17th annual military show was last weekend. Although a small show there are a good number of vendors. The re-enactments involved WW II Germans, Russians and our army. This year they added a nice NVA black pajama party with a chopper and some great pyrotechnics, "great balls of fire". There were also gun dealers and they added farm tractors not too long ago for an added attraction out here in corn country.

There was no MPC to be seen and very little JIM and German notes. The few military medals and badges were mostly Nazi era including repros. The main interest is in army uniforms, field gear and parts for army vehicles. Modern military surplus was quite common. The vendors that show up now are all pros so to speak whereas the little fellows have all disappeared.

I finally did a display of our army's stripes from WW I to present but did not label them. A sign in the case read "Do you know - Rank? Era worn? Below I listed 8 eras for them to choose from. It was well received being the only new display in over a decade and I was asked to do another display next year which most likely will be the ribboned medals of the USSR during WW II.

Colin R. Bruce II

Dear Editor,

I had already known about the update of Neil's book. Ray had previously emailed me & asked for copies of information I have been collecting on Philippine overprints. I've offered my assistance to them in any way possible (research, writing, editing, etc.). I have also identified a few minor varieties which are not listed. I too have some correspondence from Nielsen. It also was typewritten & stank of cigarette smoke for many years. The last time I checked it, the smell was almost gone.

I think an update of Neil's book is long over due. I just hope they keep Neil's numbering system as I find it vastly superior to Pick's. With Neil's you can identify the province & sometimes the denomination. This is not possible with Pick's.

Ken Berger

[I must agree with Ken, Neil's numbering system is much easier- Ed.]

Dear Editor,

Two comments. Joe mentions Burger's translation of "rotogravure." The German word used is tiefdruckverfahren and my German specialist friend translated it that way. I simply quoted Burger. If you can find intaglio in that word I will make the change.

Nielsen's research ability was mentioned. He was quite proud that he discovered a full envelope of very valuable OSS forgeries of the Japanese TOGO stamp in the archives and wanted to write them up. He actually sent the data to me and I did mention them in some articles. However, the Archives stalled him, used his information to write an article of their own where they took credit for the discovery. Niel was furious. He had me

help him write a letter to the Archives giving them Hell for their  
deceit. That was Niel  
Herb Friedman

Dear Editor,  
There is a ton of WWII and other items at the auction at  
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not, it is worth getting out your German to English dictionary!!!!  
The Master Sergeant Daniel

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6. BRITISH AND AMERICANS ARGUE OVER KIND OF CURRENCY TO BE USED  
Submitted by Howard Daniel III.  
Part Two,

CIVIL AFFAIRS CURRENCY SECTIONS CREATED

[SHAEF Admin Memo 11, 4 May 44, CAD files, 319.1, Currency-Fr]

1. In accordance with directives of the CCS to this Headquarters, a Civil Affairs Currency Section will be activated for each country in which operations are undertaken by the Allied Forces. Each such currency section, when activated, will have the following functions and powers:

a. Functions

(1) Receive, hold, and supply adequate currency for pay and procurement of Allied Army Forces for Civil Affairs operations.

(2) Provide a central depository and clearing house for funds issued to and deposits received from the Allied Expeditionary Force, including Civil Affairs.

(3) Provide a central financial medium for such measures as may be necessary to insure an adequate banking and currency structure.

(4) Receive, hold and supply such stocks of postage stamps as are necessary in the interests of the Allied Expeditionary Force.

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(5) Maintain such control and subsidiary accounts as may be required for the purposes of the U.S. and British Governments.

b. Powers

2. The first of the currency sections described above is hereby activated and attached to 21 Army Group. It will operate as a section of a Civil Affairs staff of 21 Army Group and will be subject to the authority of the Controller of Finance and Accounts of said staff. This Currency Section will consist of six officers (three U.S. and three British) and 10 enlisted men (U.S.). ? ? ?

4. For security reasons Currency Section hereby activated will include the name of the country in its title only after D Day. Before D Day it will be referred to as Currency Section - 21 Army Group.

5. The Currency Section - 21 Army Group will immediately take control of all currency in coin for operation OVERLORD presently held by the British War Office as agent for the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force. ? ? ?

6. All currency requirements of Allied Forces in operation OVERLORD, both for military pay and procurement and for CA purposes, will be drawn from the Currency Section....

7. Pay branches of the respective services will arrange for the Currency Section to be provided with continuing estimates of their future currency requirements for military purposes, at such times and in such forms as are required by the Currency Section for organization of proper flow of deliveries from the War Office. Pay branches of the respective services will arrange for the provision in their estimates and in their shipping schedules for the movement forward of sufficient funds in bulk to take care of all currency requirements for military purposes on the continent through D plus 60.

8. Funds for CA purposes will be provided to the C A organizations in operation OVERLORD directly by the Currency Section, which, under agreement with the War Office, U.S. Fiscal Officers and the British DPIC may use their facilities for physical handling and movement of currencies to the extent it considers necessary. An advance detachment of the Currency Section, with bulk funds for CA purposes and with adequate transport facilities, will move forward by D plus 15 or as soon thereafter as movement considerations allow. The full Currency Section

with bulk funds for both CA and military purposes, will move forward with the 21 Army Group Headquarters, or by D plus 35, whichever is earlier, subject to movement considerations.

9. Upon notices by the Currency Section that it is in a position to operate, the respective pay branches of all services will make arrangement for their currency requirements on the continent to be provided by the Currency Section. After movement of the Currency Section to the Continent, currency requirements in the UK for operation OVERLORD will be drawn by the respective pay branches directly from the War Office in accordance with arrangements to be notified to them by this headquarters.

10. All funds advanced by the Currency Section to the respective pay branches for military purposes will be reported by the receiving pay branch to the U.S. War Department, the U.S. Navy Department, or the British War Office, in accordance with the recipients' nationality. The Currency Section will independently report all such advances to this headquarters. ? ? ?

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7. ALLIES AGREE ON CURRENCY FOR FRANCE BUT DE GAULLE'S SUPPORT IS UNCERTAIN

SHAEF WANTS FRENCH COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO CONTROL CURRENCY

[Msg, SHAEF to WD for CCAC, 4 May 44, VOG 32, CCAC files, 123 (10-30-43), sec. 2, CM-IN 2965]

1. Preliminary discussions with the French military mission indicates that they consider the financial problem could best be met by solution on the following lines:

a. French authorities would organize or provide financial facilities and service to be expected in any well-ordered administration.

b. SCAEF should rely on French authorities to operate the economic and fiscal system.

c. French authorities would make necessary advances to public authorities and to banking systems through established French channels.

d. To meet inflation situation, French plan to continue price control and rationing systems and to soak up purchasing power by use of Corsican Scheme....

e. To carry out above, it would be necessary for the French to use our supplemental francs.

2. All of above would be subject to over-riding power for emergency action by Allied commanders in absence of or failure of French authorities.

3. Following the policy indicated by intended extension of Lease-Lend arrangement with the French Committee of National Liberation to include Metropolitan France, we are prepared to agree in principle to the above program. We feel that definite plan with some French authority is necessary, and the FCNL is the only body with which satisfactory arrangements can be made prior to arrival.

4. We consider that there are strong psychological arguments against SCAEF alone declaring supplemental francs legal tender. We should prefer that FCNL issue primary declaration and that SCAEF support this by statement for information if necessary. Thus French would be fully responsible for the success of their financial program. SCAEF would

retain such notes as he requires against proper accounting, though the whole issue would be the responsibility of FCNL.

5. In our view, these arrangements would achieve the essential purpose of putting the French authorities in a position adequately to carry out their financial functions of civil administration. ? ? ?

#### U.S. WANTS SHAEF TO ISSUE CURRENCY IN FRANCE

[Transcript of WD Telecon 449, between Holmes, in London, and Hilldring, in Washington, 11 May 44, CCAC files, 092 (4-20-44)]

L.-... This affects our program about French currency. I'll expect an answer on that any time soon.

W. - I hope so. That has been a little difficult to handle. I will be glad to tell you what the U.S. short of the highest authority, is recommending with regard to this matter, and informally, the British Staff Mission will go along with our proposal, and here is our proposal: I'll give you the exact words here-"We approve, in principle, the program set forth in VOG 32, except that the FCNL shall not be set up as the issuing authority for currency in France."

L. - Who is the issuing authority?

W. - SHAEF is the issuing authority. Here's the next paragraph: "It must be made clear to the French Military Mission, and other representatives of the Committee, with whom you may deal, that any arrangements made with them must be considered tentative, and not preclude consultation with and assistance from other elements of the French people with whom you may feel it necessary or advantageous to deal while your forces are in France." (You've heard that before).

Third paragraph: "It should be made clear, also that the basis of authority for the issue of supplemental francs is vested in SHAEF, and not the FCNL, and the FCNL should not be held out as the issuing authority." ? ? ?

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#### CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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Philippine guerrillanotes from Cagayan with revenue stamps come invarious denominations. How were these amounts determined?

Answer next time.

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#### PREVIOUS QUESTION:

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We will leave the present question up for another day.

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#### EDITORIAL

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As mentioned in earlier Grams, we have three ANA Convention Certificates, featuring 2008 Farran Zerbe Award recipient, and really good trombone player, Gene Hessler available for auction. We have decided that the notes, two, four and seven dollar examples, would reach more prospective collectors and garner more for the scholarship fund if they were offered on eBay. To that end, the notes will be sent to Dan Freeland who will post the listings. An attempt was made to obtain the one dollar denomination in order to offer a complete set, but none are available to us here at the Gram. Perhaps if there is an extra one out there, the holder will let us know and Dan list it also.

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Dear Editor,

I know I am late in responding to your question about where some of the designs used on MPC came from, but late or not I have to respond to where one design that is near and dear to my heart came from. That of course is the vignette of that lovely lumbering BUFF on the back of the 681 \$20. I can remember many years ago (and that gets harder and harder to do) several conversations with Fred about that being a B-52G. The Model G was important because that was the first B-52 that Boeing had designed with the shorter vertical fin.. Previous models of the airplane had a much taller tail and the gunner actually rode way in the back. I kept telling him that I had somewhere seen a picture that was very similar to the one on the note but could not put my finger on it at that time. This had to go on for a while, at least a couple of weeks. Then one day, the dawn broke. There was the picture right in the corner of my "I love me" wall in our family

room along with photos of other airplanes that I had flown. It was a color publicity photo that Boeing had printed as a give-away to visitors to their plant. The picture and the note vignette are identical. The tail number has been removed from the note, appearing as a white spot at the top of the tail, and I can't make out the words U. S. AIR FORCE on the forward fuselage, otherwise, it's all there including the two hound dog missiles under the wings.

Yes, it was right there under my nose. The "I love me" wall still exists and the B-52G photo still flies in formation with the other aircraft that I once flew along side the pieces of wood from organizations of which I was once a member. However, Prudy has relegated that wall out to the garage, but at least I see it every time I put the car away.

Ski

Dear Editor,

Regarding the German word tiefdruckverfahren, here's what I found dredging around on a couple of Internet translation sites and in my elementary dictionary:

Tiefdruck - gravure (literally, "low printing" - i.e., from an engraved plate)

Verfahren - method

Hochdruck - letterpress (literally, "high printing" - i.e., from raised type)

Steindruck - lithography (literally, "stone printing" - i.e., printing from a (lithographic) stone)

engraved - graviert

intaglio - not found

rotogravure - Kupferdruck (literally, "copper printing")

So, as I said, I believe we have a translation problem - the Germans obviously recognized that US notes were printed from intaglio plates (opposite to the English white notes, which are letterpress products). Somewhere along the line "Tiefdruck," as "gravure" ("engraved") got converted to "rotogravure," which is a specific form of printing press that can use any kind of plate (including photogravure, printing from an engraved plate, but with very shallow engraving - essentially a chemically etched plate, as distinguished from a burin-engraved plate). I would translate "Tiefdruckverfahren" as "engraved (intaglio) printing"

Joe Boling

Dear Editor,

As to the Corregidor Post Exchange tokens. Although they have been available in quantity for a few years now I believe them to be good. I was told a far-fetched story by more than one individual that they were purchased in the Philippines back several years (maybe many years ago) and that they had been brought back to the states to be used in a civilian prison (yes, as prison money) in, I believe, Pennsylvania, but that the deal fell through and they sat gathering dust for a time. If this story is correct there must have been many many many of them. Arlie Slabaugh, whom I'm sure you all knew, had something to do with all this - but that part was always vague and needs investigation. None-the-less, I believe these pieces are legitimate, and I purchase them when they are cheap enough although I've seen some token dealers, who are not in the know, asking between 75 and 100 for them. This only applies to the 5's. Jim Curto mentions "Island

Quarry - Corregidor" tokens in his 1969 book, listing them on page 297 and owned 5 and 10 pieces and knew of 20's 50's and 1's. These may or may not be the same issue however. Again the PX Corregidor tokens that I have seen - I believe to be authentic.

In Brotherhood,

Ray Bows namlore@hotmail.com

Dear Gram

I seek a book called A guidebook of Philippine paper money, or World warll military currency book (c 1980) are earlier. Does any one have these books for sale?

Thanks,

James Edwards

Dear Gram.

Hot contact list correction: My current telephone number, for the past 2+ years, is 716-630-0481

David Seelye

Dear Editor,

I really enjoy the MPCGram! My 10c, 20c & 50c notes all have the Palm Tree on them. I also have 5 that measure 22mm x 40mm, a 20c & 50c w/ Liberty/Anvil and a 50c Palm Tree, a 1P & a 200P with Liberty/Anvil. Thank you for all your work!

Jack Glass

[Dear Jack, thanks for the input and the kind works - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

I have been reading about adding postal items to Remembered and saw an Official Election War Ballot--Via Air Mail on eBay and bought it. I have attached an image of it to this letter so others can see it. If there was one postal item added, I want to believe it will be this envelope.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

[The image was sent to the website and hopefully Doug can post it there and send us the link - Ed.]

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Dear Gram,

I have a new copy of Medallion Portraits of Adolf Hitler by Colbert & Hyder @ \$50.00 postpaid.....

Cheers,

Colin R. Bruce II

Senior Editor, Numismatic Books

<<http://www.numismaster.com/>>

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49th Annual Blue Ridge Numismatic Assn Convention, Dalton, GA, Northwest  
Georgia Trade and Convention Center.  
August 28-30 - [forvm@cfl.rr.com](mailto:forvm@cfl.rr.com) or [www.brna.org](http://www.brna.org)

50th Virginia Numismatic Assn convention VCU Siegel Center, Richmond, VA  
September 11(set-up) 18-20 - [cash2274@comcast.net](mailto:cash2274@comcast.net)

2nd Annual Wy-Braska Coin & Stamp Show, Saturday September 13th, 0900-  
1700 at the Gering Civic  
Center, Gering (Scottsbluff) Nebraska.

Long Beach Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Expo,  
California, September 18-20 - [www.longbeachexpo.com](http://www.longbeachexpo.com)

World Paper Money Fair, Friday October 3rd and Saturday October 4th,  
Mermaid Conference Centre, off Puddledock, Blackfriars, London EC4

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23 Annual National and World Paper Money Convention,  
St. Charles Convention Center, St. Louis, Oct. 16-18  
Lyn Knight auction  
[kfoley2@wi.rr.com](mailto:kfoley2@wi.rr.com)

MOON (Minnesota Organization of Numismatics) Coin Show, Brooklyn Center,  
MN  
October 17-19 - [mooncoinclub@aol.com](mailto:mooncoinclub@aol.com)

3rd Annual Pacific Northwest Numismatic Assn/Willametter Coin Club Fall  
Show.  
October 17-19 - <http://www.pnna.org/>

Indiana State Numismatic Assn, the Indianapolis Marriott.  
October 31 - November 1 - [www.indianastatenumisnatics.org](http://www.indianastatenumisnatics.org)

Santa Clara Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo, Santa Clara Convention  
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November 12(set-up) 13 -16 auction by Superior Galleries

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November 21-23 - auction by Bowers and Merena -  
<http://www.whitmanexpo.com/>

Michigan State Numismatics Society, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, MI  
November 27(set-up) 28-30 - [www.michigancoinclub.org](http://www.michigancoinclub.org)

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Ctr  
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New York Inc, Waldorf Astoria - admission charge

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54th Annual FUN Convention, Orange County Convention Center, FL  
January 8-11, 2009 - [dweller@embarqmail.com](mailto:dweller@embarqmail.com)- [www.funtopics.com](http://www.funtopics.com)

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Items of Interest and an Identification Request,  
by Roger Urce

Two World War II items of interest were available at the ANA both at the table of John Heleva. I have seen John at Memphis and at ANA shows He has a number of tables with lots of cases and lots of boxes of all types notes and paper related items. Looking through the boxes I found a Tax Exemption Certificate from Shanghai which exempted members of US forces in that city from paying hotel taxes. The front of the certificate read:

" US ARMED FORCES SHANGHAI TAX EXCEPTION CERTIFICATE

As agreed with the Shanghai Municipal Government, the bearer, a member of the US forces whose signature appears on the reverse side, upon presentation of this certificate in compliance with instructions on the reverse side hereof, is exempted from the Hotel, Feast and Amusement Taxes of the Shanghai Municipal Government"

The certificate bore a serial number and was over-stamped in Chinese. The authorization at the bottom read:

Raymond T. Maddocks  
Major General, G.S.C  
Chief of Staff  
HQ, USF - CT

The reverse was to be completed and the hotel would keep one part while the stub was returned to the Serviceman's unit. It was a very interesting item and one that I would have liked to have as part of my collection but the \$250 price tag put me off. I did mention this item to Neil Shafer, and he too had seen it and was interested but not at the offered price. Has anyone out there seen these before and are any in collections, and can one of our Army types translate the initials?

The second item, one that I did buy, is a small chit from the SHIPS SERVICE FOUNTAIN - BAHIA, BRAZIL and it is valued at one cruzeiro. It is serialized and printed in black ink on a brown manila paper (feels like a thin paper bag). It is uni-face and measures 4 1/8 x 2 1/4 inches. I showed the item to Fred and he felt it looked consistent with the WW II era and theorized it may have been from one of the airbases in Brazil. A little

research found that Bahia is a coastal province of Brazil bordering on the South Atlantic but no specific information as to a Naval base, or Air Base for that matter, was found. Perhaps my search criterion was in error. Anyone with information, or theories, as to what unit/base this may have come from is asked to let us know.

Since John usually has items of interest, I asked him if he would like to get the Gram. He declined saying he never reads his email, just erases it. Pity.

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#### CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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What is a "blood chit" and how were they used?

Answer next time.

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#### PREVIOUS QUESTION:

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Philippine guerrilla notes from Cagayan with revenue stamps come in various denominations. How were these amounts determined?

The following answers were received. All are correct, but Neil Shafer has the most complete explanation:

By the face value of the revenue stamps?

Sidelight.....although the Japanese overprinted the existing PI postage stamps for civilian and "O. B." for official use they did not overprint the fiscal stamps used on various legal papers. I have an "Alien Certificate of Registration" dated 1941 with multiple regular PI revenues and a documentary stamp on it. This opens a door for existing overprinted stamps used during the occupation.....for WW II

Philately.....

This document is for a Swiss man working at a cigar and cigarette factory.

Colin R. Bruce II

The stamps were of the same value as the notes they validated. A 20 pesos note has a 20 pesos revenue stamp. Bill & Kathy Myers

With respect to the question about the PI stamp money, the denominations were determined by what stamps were available, and the number made of each denomination was determined by the number of each value of the stamp- the 200 pesos, for example, was made in 46 examples because that was all of that value stamp they had. There is no 100 pesos because there were none available; in fact I do not think any were printed if I heard the speaker at the Philippine Forum correctly.

Neil Shafer

[Look at Pick, Volume One and in the section of guerrilla currency in Cagayan, it states that "There is no 100 Pesos denomination in this issue because no revenue stamps of that value were on hand." Gary Weiss, who gave the lecture on these stamps at the ANA, provided a listing of all the stamps and there is no 100 Peso. Apparently none were ever made. As as aside, look at the value in Good for the 200 Pesos note - \$1000 ! - Ed.]

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EDITORIAL  
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The 5th edition of the MPC Book is due out by Fest X. At least that is the target date and hopefully it is met. I have seen a picture of the proposed front cover which features some photos of the 692 progressive proof set and the 701 fractionals. As with other books, advertising is available. It has been suggested to me that Gram subscribers, either individually or as a group, may wish to take advantage of the opportunity to take out an ad where they can list their collecting interests and solicit wanted items for their respective collection(s) or simply offer their congratulations. Interested parties can make requests via the Gram.

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Dear Gram,  
I am in Japan attending a physics conference on glass--my professional interest. I am spending many yen!  
At present I am in Himeji near Osaka. I was in Kyoto before here--Kyoto was spared destruction in WWII and hence has many fabulous sites of interest. Especially interesting as well was the burning of bonfires to honor the dead on August 16 --these were huge symbols --six in total spread over the mountains surrounding Kyoto. I saw many WWII era vets of the Japanese army watching these bonfires. I return to Iowa August 23.  
Steve Feller  
[Dear Steve, Have a good trip home and can we expect a report on any numismatic adventures or finds while you were in Japan? - Ed.]

In Response to James Edwards' request in the last Gram.....

Dear Editor,  
If you would put me in contact with James Edwards I have an extra copy of the book he wants.

Ray Czahor  
Cookie Jar Collectibles  
Box 597  
Columbia, MD 21045  
Telephone: 301-604-9225  
Email: cookiejarpi@verizon.net

Dear Editor,  
Can you please pass my email address (mcwatson@yahoo.com) onto James Edwards regarding the books he's seeking?  
Mark "Sparky" Watson.  
[Sparky - Yes we can - Ed.]

Dear Gram,  
I have a nice 1963 copy [Guidebook of Philippine Paper Money] autographed by the author.  
Joel, what is a book signed by your Daddy worth?  
Herb Friedman

Dear Editor,

OK - look at the very end of the gram, after the many blank pages. Those four paragraphs obviously come from Howard's extract of documents dealing with Allied currency sections, but from where? What paragraph are they part of - one you have not yet published?  
Joe Boling.  
[Dear Joe, It is a bit strange. The paragraph shows up on my copy of the Gram sent to my email address, but does not show up on Yahoo in the mpcgram(published) section. You got me on this one,  
I haven't a clue. Did anyone else have the same experience? - Ed.]

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Blood Chits,  
From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia  
by John Cheney

A "blood chit" issued to the American Volunteer Group Flying Tigers. The Chinese characters read: "This foreign person has come to China to help in the war effort. Soldiers and civilians, one and all, should rescue, protect, and provide him medical care". (R.E. Baldwin Collection) Blood chit is a notice that is carried by the military, usually aircraft personnel, that displays messages aimed at the civilians that ask them to help the service member in case they are shot down. Alternative names are escape and identification flags. Chit is English slang for a small document or note.

The idea of blood chit originates from 1793 when French balloonist Jean-Pierre Blanchard demonstrated his hot air balloon in the USA. Because he could not control the direction of the balloon, no one knew where he would land. Because Blanchard did not speak English, George Washington gave him a letter that said that all US citizens were obliged to assist him to return to Philadelphia.

In World War I, British Royal Flying Corps pilots in India and Mesopotamia carried a "goolie chit" printed in four local languages that promised a reward to anyone who would bring an unharmed British aviator back to British lines. The term "goolie" is British slang for "testicles" and was so called (and still is called by the Royal Air Force) because,



in the areas where the chits were used, local tribesmen were known to turn over aviators to their womenfolk, who castrated said pilots for use as servants.

In the Second Sino-Japanese War prior to World War II, foreign volunteer pilots of Flying Tigers carried notices printed in Chinese that informed the locals that this foreign pilot was fighting for China and they were obliged to help them. A text from one such blood chit read as follows:

"I am an American airman. My plane is destroyed. I cannot speak your language. I am an enemy of the Japanese. Please give me food and take me to the nearest Allied military post. You will be rewarded."

When the USA officially joined the war in 1941, flight crew survival kits included blood chits printed in 50 different languages that sported a US flag and promised a reward for a safe return of a pilot. The kit might also include gifts like gold coins, maps or sewing needles. Many US flight crews that flew over Asia had their "blood chit" sewn to the back of their flight jackets. Some units just added the blood chit to the flight suit when others gave the blood chit only for the specific flights in exchange of personal belongings.

US pilots have carried blood chits in the Korean and Vietnam Wars and in every armed conflict since. The modern version also includes some money. Blood chits from past wars have in many cases become highly sought-after items by collectors of military memorabilia.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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In addition to paper notes in values of one, five and 25 Gulden, what else did the Ministerie van Oorlog issue and in what denominations?

Answer next time

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PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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What is a "blood chit" and how were they used?

A blood chit is a notice that is carried by the military, usually aircraft personnel, that displays messages in several languages aimed at the civilians that ask them to help the service member in case they are shot down, sometimes a reward is offered.

I also found this on line at

[https://www.southcom.mil/jsrc/Documents/Blood%20Chit/blood\\_chit\\_program.doc](https://www.southcom.mil/jsrc/Documents/Blood%20Chit/blood_chit_program.doc):

Bill Myers

I won't answer your question on blood chits because I think everyone already knows what they are. I will say that there is an excellent book on the subject entitled "The Last Hope - The Blood Chit Story," by R.E. Baldwin. I was in contact with the author when he published this book on WWII, and sent him some stuff from later wars for a future book that will hopefully cover Vietnam and current wars in depth. Some of the later blood chits (like Desert Storm) were signed out before a mission and had to be returned afterward. The Desert Storm chit has serial numbers at the four corners that can be cut off and redeemed for \$50,000 each. I have one on my wall as I type this. It was an excellent idea, because anyone turning in a corner should know the whereabouts of a downed pilot that can be identified by the number.  
Herb Friedman

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EDITORIAL  
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There was a nice response to the blood chit question and I learned more about them from those who sent in the answer. Thanks to all who responded. I had never heard the term "goolie chit" and hope that not many pilots suffered the fate described in John's article. David Klinger's letter (below) tells of a fortuitous acquisition, which points out that asking can get you more than you hoped for. A quick check of eBay finds a number of blood chits offered. The term is not listed in the index of Remembered and I could not locate any pictures of chits. (Did I miss oneJoe?). Perhaps there should be some mention in the next edition along with some pictures.

In light of the fact that the previous questions seems to have been "a ground ball", I'll repeat my request that any subscriber who has a question is encouraged to submit it.

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MAIL CALL: send mail to mpcgram@yahoo.com  
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Dear Editor,  
I'm sure many Gramsters know the answer to your Blood Chit question. But, I have to pass on an experience I had while researching Blood Chits, a few years ago. I often put in Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, but I never expected the response I got from one government bureaucrat. I had recently bought 2 Korean era Blood Chits from Joe Boling, and wanted to know more about the series. I asked the DoD bureaucrat several questions, and after a few weeks, I not only received very detailed answers, but in the mail I also received another Blood Chit.

Yes, an actual silk Blood Chit. This Chit was different than the ones I had -and free from the government!

She simply said that while researching my questions, she "found a bunch of these" in a file cabinet and thought I would like one.

David Klinger

Dear Gram,

Got to josh Herb Friedman a bit- since he says he has an autographed copy of my 1963 book on Philippine currency which would be an absolute screaming rarity since the book was not published until 1964! Herb, can I please purchase it????

Actually, when I have an extra and someone contacts me for it, I sell it for 10 bucks plus postage, just so you know what I do. Including signature if desired. Speaking of signatures, maybe some of you know or remember the fabled note-copier J.S.G. Boggs, whom we all called simply, "Boggs". Well, he used to charge less for a signature and more for an autograph, believe it or not!

Neil Shafer

Dear Gram

Can Mr Friedman contact me regarding guidebook of Philippine paper money at edwardsj44@yahoo.com. Thank you.

James Edwards

Dear Editor,

Whoops, I meant opening the door for listing "non-overprinted" regular, airmail and fiscal stamps used during various occupations.

Colin R. Bruce II

Dear Editor,

I have been trying to find a proper value for a: For Long Service and Good Conduct Colonial Police Forces. Issued in George VI era and inscribed:

872 I.G.Const. Hannock S/O Kamwonda

I was told by the owner that he acquired it in Southern Africa in the nineties when he was a missionary in the Tanzania area. Would appreciate any input. Thanks

Peter M.McDonald - pmcoins@total.net

Dear Editor,

For your information, I have recently acquired two 16x11" 48-star American flags from World War II. LTC (USAF Ret.) Alexander B. Komoroske, who recently passed away, carried a large group of these flags with him while he was in the Pacific part of the war and gave them out to soldiers who wanted to fly a small American flag. The last two flags from this group were found in a box with some coins I arranged for his son to sell to a local dealer. No one was interested in them, so I quickly picked them up. I will be donating these flags to the next Fest Auction.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Editor,

Just finished reading the post in gram 1708 from Ski...and it brought back a memory from years ago. My father was the lead machinist for a group of Boeing employees that were sent out to different bases to provide modifications to the B-52 specifically the 53G. and now that Ski mentions it, I now remember the picture that Boeing gave my father of one of the first G models off the line, (if I remember correctly) flown at Wichita Kansas, at McConnell AFB, and it is the same picture as the back of the note. Good catch Ski.

Dean Shelton

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## 6. BRITISH AND AMERICANS ARGUE OVER KIND OF CURRENCY TO BE USED

Submitted by Howard Daniel III.

Part Three

### RATES OF EXCHANGE

[Msg, CCS to SHAEF, 11 May 44, GOV 46, CCAC files, 123 (10-30-43), sec. 2, CM-OUT 35242]

.. . You will decree the following rates of exchange on D Day, or not later than your entry into respective areas. Dollar-sterling cross rate will be \$ 4.303 1/2 equal one pound sterling....

France: 200 French francs equal one pound sterling; 49.5663 French francs equal \$1.00; Belgium: 176.625 Belgian francs equal one pound sterling; 43.7732 Belgian francs equal \$1.00. Netherlands: 10.691 Dutch guilders equal one

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pound sterling; 2.6496 Dutch guilders equal \$1.00. Norway: 20 Norwegian kroner equal one pound sterling; 4.9566 Norwegian kroner equal \$1.00. Denmark: 24 Danish kroner equal one pound sterling; 5.9480 Danish kroner equal \$1.00.

The exchange rate to be decreed between the U.S. yellow seal dollar and the BMA pound note, if you find it necessary to use such currencies in forthcoming operations, will be \$4.03 %2 equal one pound, that is, at the same rate at which pound sterling funds in official U.S. accounts in banks in the United Kingdom can be purchased with and reconverted into U.S. dollars.

Convenient rates in rounded figures for British Army accounting purposes will be furnished to you by the War Office for Belgium and the Netherlands.

### SCAEF TO ISSUE CURRENCY PROCLAMATION OVER HIS OWN SIGNATURE

[Msg, SHAEF to WD, VOG 53, 24 May 44, CCAC files, 123 (10-30-43), sec. 2, CM-IN 19307]

Since we have received no reply to our VOG 32, and understand informally that you are not favorable to paragraph 4, we propose to issue proclamation over signature of SCAEF, substantially as follows:

"A. In order to prevent any shortage of currency, due to the disturbance of war, supplemental franc notes will be used to supplement the existing currency.

"B. I. All notes bear on the reverse the French colors and the words 'Libert, Egalit, Fraternit.' Supplemental francs shall be legal tender in Liberated Metropolitan France and shall in all respects be equivalent to other French lawful money of like face value. No person shall in any transaction whatsoever discriminate between supplemental francs and such other existing French lawful money.

"C. . . . However, transactions in all foreign currency, including U.S. dollar and Sterling notes are forbidden, except as permitted by the appropriate authority."



It has been represented to us that the inclusion of the last two sentences in B I above involve an unnecessary assumption of sovereignty. However, unless the supplemental franc is declared legal tender there is the danger that it will not receive universal acceptance. Necessity for issue of this proclamation on D Day requires immediate decision....

[Msg, CCAC to SHAEF, 27 May 44, CCAC files, 123 (10-30-43), sec. 2, CM--OUT 42763]

Action proposed in VOG 53 is approved subject, to omission of final sentence in your paragraph

I (B) : "No persons shall in any transaction whatsoever discriminate between supplemental francs and such other existing French lawful money." The reason for this omission is that it seems unnecessary repetition of a provision likely to be unpalatable to the French. You are authorized to show the draft to the French in advance and to obtain French support announcements.

HAS EISENHOWER LEGAL AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CURRENCY IN FRANCE

[Msg, Gen Smith for McCloy, SMC-810, 25 May 44, SHAEF files, G-5, Negotiations With the French, an. 10]

We have just sent a message to the Combined Civil Affairs Committee suggesting a rephrasing of paragraph 4 of VOG 32 on the subject of French Currency.

I must admit that our recommendation is rather a solution of desperation. We believe that General Eisenhower had no real legal authority to declare this currency legal tender in liberated Metropolitan France or in the area of any other Allied Nation, and that the situation which will confront us on the Continent is entirely different from that existing in North Africa where our status initially was one of military occupation. I also believe that since the French Committee for National Liberation has now declared itself the Provisional Government of France, it will be particularly resentful of a declaration of legal tender by the Supreme Commander as this will be considered a flagrant violation of French sovereignty. Whether the future French Government, whatever it may be, will fall in line later and confirm such a declaration by the Supreme Commander remains to be seen. Since the question of currency is a vital one, and since time is of the essence, I would like to recommend this matter to your urgent and personal attention.

CURRENCY PROCLAMATION WILL BE ISSUED WITH OR WITHOUT SUPPORTING STATEMENT BY THE FRENCH

[Msg, SHAEF to WD, 5 Jun 44, VOG 61, CCAC files, 123 (10-30-43), sec. 2, CM-IN 4053]

1. We have not yet been able to show draft to the French or obtain supporting announcement. We have not yet authorized issue of currency proclamations, since:

A. It is considered most important that support announcement should, if possible, be obtained and that this would be seriously prejudiced by a fait accompli.

B. Small amounts of supplemental francs likely to be circulated in the early days.

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2. Proclamation by SCAEF will, in any case, be issued as directed with or without supporting statement, as soon as we consider that the currency situation requires it.

3. Pending issue of proclamation, we are trying to prevent all publicity of currency question here, including rate of exchange, and request you arrange same in U.S. . . .

MATTERS PERTAINING TO BANKS, PUBLIC FINANCE, AND CONTROL OF PROPERTY To BE HANDLED BY THE INDIGENOUS AUTHORITIES

[SHAEF Fld Handbook for CA (France) (Provisional), 16 Jun 44)

SECTION II

73. Responsibilities set forth in this Section will be executed by the French authorities. In the event circumstances prevent the French authorities from executing their responsibilities the following action will be taken to fulfill them. Except as otherwise indicated this action will be taken. Currency

74- Supplemental franc notes issued for use by the Allied forces will be made legal tender and will be interchangeable with regular franc currency and coin and administrative currency (such as that issued by the Communes) without distinction. Rates of Exchange Transactions in Currencies

76. All transactions in currencies will be controlled. Banks and Moratorium

77. Control of banks and other financial institutions will be in accordance with the program of the French authorities. If the situation in any locality is critical, however, and runs on the banks are threatened, the appropriate commanders, if possible not below Army, may, through the French authorities, in their discretion, cause the banks to be closed and a general moratorium to be declared. A report will be made to SHAEF of action so taken.

Loans and Advances

78. . . .

a. Advances for Civilian purposes. Expenditures by public authorities will be financed by the French authorities themselves in accordance with the usual procedure. If an advance is required, a public authority will apply through the normal administrative channels or to the Bank of France or other French banks. If these methods fail and the need is essential and immediate, or if the failure to obtain funds will prejudice the military situation, an advance from CA funds may be made. Advances from CA funds will be to the highest level of public authority in the area and will be limited usually to a 30-day period. This authority will not normally be delegated below Army.

b. Advances for Private Enterprises. CA advances to essential private enterprises may be authorized only if they are unable to obtain their requirements from banks or other available sources and if their need is immediate and urgent and capable of prejudicing the military effort if not relieved. This authority will not normally be delegated below Army.

c. Emergency Advances. Notwithstanding the provisions laid down in "A" and "B" above, appropriate instructions may be issued to authorize CA officers in lower echelons to make advances to the minimum extent necessary to provide against a temporary and extreme emergency when the approval of higher authority cannot be obtained by normal communications and the military effort may be prejudiced if the advance is not made immediately. Public Finance

79- Matters of public finance will be handled in accordance with the program of the French authorities. Non-essential expenditure should be discouraged and those of a capital nature will always be subject to special scrutiny. Existing tax laws should be maintained. Basic policy should be to continue service on the public debt, but if the fiscal situation dictates, payments of principal may be postponed. Government monopolies and municipal enterprises should be controlled and their revenues used in the normal manner. All bona fide government pensions and all social security benefits should continue to be paid. Control of Property

80. Control of enemy and United Nations property including freezing and blocking regulations will be carried out by the French authorities. In the event of the French taking no satisfactory action:

a. All reasonable steps necessary to preserve the property of the United Nations and their nationals will be taken, within such limits as are [695]

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imposed by the military situation and a report of the situation regarding all classes of property will be made to SHAEF.

b. The appropriate French authorities will be urged to take measures to impound or block all assets of enemy governments, enemy banks, hostile individuals and organizations and all persons acting on behalf of the foregoing and, where appropriate, assets of all persons resident in enemy occupied territories. In the event no action is taken by French authorities, report is to be made to SHAEF. ? ? ?

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#### CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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In addition to paper notes in values of one, five and 25 Gulden, what else did the Ministerie van Oorlog issue and in what denominations?

Answer next time

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#### PREVIOUS QUESTION

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Dear Editor,

Answer: Traveler's checks in 10 & 50 gulden (Chef Staf Nederlandsch Militair Gezag te Velde).

Bill Myers.

Bill is correct in saying Traveler's checks were issued. But there was another issue, and these are not reported in Remembered.

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#### EDITORIAL

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The Navy always comes through. Thanks to Captain Dave for the information. If you look in Remembered under Brazil, you will find that four emergency small change notes were issued by the Navy for the seaport base at Maceio. The notes are denominated in one, two, three and five Cruzeiros and have interested me since I first saw them in the book. I have never seen one in person, nor have I seen one for sale on the internet, but at least a two cruzeiro example must exist in a collection somewhere since it is pictured. In 1942, Brazil changed from the Mil Reis to the Cruzeiro as the unit of currency and at that time there were twelve Cruzeiros to the dollar making the Cruzeiro worth a little over eight cents. I don't know what eight cents would buy at a Ships Service Fountain, perhaps a milk shake, an ice cream soda, or maybe an egg cream. I doubt the Fountains served anything stronger than a coke, but you never know. Perhaps a cold one could be had for three Cruzeiros since in the mid sixties, a quarter could get you a cold San Miguel in Subic, but that was over twenty years later.

Anyway, Remembered asks if similar issues were prepared for other bases. I would think the fact that I was able to find this particular note answers that question. Should it go in the next edition?

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Dear Editor,

At the beginning of 1942, Brazil permitted the US to set up air bases in the states of Bahia, Pernambuco and Rio Grande do Norte, where the city of Natal hosted part of the U.S. Navy's VP-52 patrol squadron. In addition to this, US Task Force 3 established itself in Bahia, Brazil, and this included a squadron equipped to hunt German submarines and merchant vessels.

Brazil was neutral, until 28 January 1942, when they severed diplomatic relations with Germany, Japan and Italy. They declared war on Germany and Italy on 22 August, 1942.

From the end of January to July 1942, around thirteen Brazilian merchant vessels were sunk by German U-Boats. Hundreds of people died as a result of these attacks. In August 1942, one single German submarine, the U-507, sank five Brazilian vessels in two days, causing more than six hundred deaths.

It was common for the Navy to set up "snack bars" in the pier areas of most ports. They were often called Ships Service Fountains. Which port this chit was used in is anyone's guess. My guess would be Salvador, the major port in the state of Bahia.

David Klinger

Dear Gram,

Thought I would reflect a bit on CM Nielsen...

My first awareness of CM Nielsen was when he wrote his review about my father's Philippines book. Being 8 years old at the time, I thought there was very little my father did that was wrong. In approximately the first 1/3 of Nielsen's full page review, he began with some very complimentary sentences about how this work had not previously been done in this way and how it was important for this field to gain exposure. However, most of the rest of the review was written in an almost scathing manner, stating that there were errors historically as well as numismatically. I believe Nielsen even said that if he had been contacted, these errors would not have happened. I later learned that my father did try to contact him, but that at that time Nielsen was in the merchant marine and did not have much time to provide assistance. After some time to allow the shock to settle, my reaction was WHO THE \*?%^ IS THIS GUY!!! MY father wrote the book, and if MY father did it, then it was correct! I remember that my mother was none too thrilled, either (to put it mildly!)...

In retrospect, I am very glad "Niel" wrote what he did in this way. Personally, it was a terrific maturing experience to understand that my father could make mistakes and still be an outstanding numismatist. At that time, not too many people were capable of correcting my father in this area. Nielsen certainly did have that capacity, as he proved over long years to many, many people. RIP, CM Nielson; and among many things, thank you for an important life lesson.  
Joel Shafer

Dear Editor,  
I have my Vietnam blood chit framed in my "hero" room. Blood chits included a serial number that was registered with Search and Rescue. While mine just said something like "my government will reward you", that meant, at the time, 10,000 USD in gold. Years ago I purchased a few to give to friends, Vietnam era ones. I believe that some of the earlier ones were sewn into the flight jackets. Mine was made of silk and just folded.  
Bill McNease

Dear Editor,

So where were the four appended paragraphs supposed to appear in The Master Sergeant's offering?  
Joe Boling.  
[Dear Joe, The appended paragraphs are the top of page 692 of Howard's report just after the section entitled "CIVIL AFFAIRS CURRENCY SECTION CREATED" in Gram 1708. Again, why they appeared when they did is beyond me. - Ed.]

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I am in need of notes in ALL denominations and would appreciate it if anyone has notes for sale to get in touch with me with what you have and what you want for them. Please notify if you are only serious about selling notes, I will also trade my extras for notes that I need  
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September 11(set-up) 18-20 - [cash2274@comcast.net](mailto:cash2274@comcast.net)

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January 8-11, 2009 - [dwellerse@embarqmail.com](mailto:dwellerse@embarqmail.com)- [www.funtopics.com](http://www.funtopics.com)

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6. BRITISH AND AMERICANS ARGUE OVER KIND OF CURRENCY TO BE USED  
Submitted by Howard Daniel III.  
Conclusion

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS-A SURVEY  
[Financial Branch, G-5, SHAEF, Report on Financial Problems in Liberated Areas, 22 March 1945, SHAEF files, G-5, 113.21, Financial Branch]

? ? ? Basic Approach to Financial Problems

The primary responsibility for the acceptance by the liberated nations of certain financial policies considered desirable from the military standpoint rested on the U.S./UK Treasury representatives who negotiated with officials of the respective nations. SHAEF participated in carrying on the discussions and in facilitating the operations of the financial programs developed by the various liberated governments. In the case of

France earlier negotiations were necessarily on a tentative basis because the position of the Provisional Government had not been clearly defined.

>From the beginning of planning long before D Day, the rights of the liberated nations as sovereign powers to determine their own financial policies and to be opposed to unnecessary interference in their internal financial affairs were recognized. SHAEF's interest in the financial programs of the liberated nations was based on several considerations which were made clear to the various official representatives in the initial conference.

First, it was emphasized that the interest of the Supreme Commander was in making sure that a financial policy would be adopted which would not produce an unstable economy that in turn might interfere with military operations. Secondly, it was stressed that it was beneficial for all liberated governments to adopt reasonably similar programs for controlling foreign exchange and the property of Nazis and other hostile persons and organizations. Authorities of the liberated countries appreciated the problem. This is illustrated by a quotation from a letter from M. Hubert Ansiaux, Director Delegate of the Banque Nationale de Belgique, to SHAEF in connection with certain currency negotiations, as follows:

". . . On the one hand it is recognized that the Belgians alone have the sovereign right to fix the exchange parity of the Belgian currency on Belgian territory. On the other hand it is recognized that the Commander-in-Chief has supreme power during the period and in the field of military operations. It would be deplorable from a political point of view if these two powers were not exercised in the same way and in mutual agreement."

>From the commencement of planning SHAEF has followed the general policy of consulting with the financial authorities of the liberated areas in order to ascertain what their financial programs were going to be regarding inflationary control, taxation, closing of banks, deNazification of financial institutions and internal financial measures such as freezing, blocking and property controls. During these discussions members of the staff of SHAEF advised the officials of these governments on such matters as freezing and blocking controls, submitted questions to them for consideration and reply, and pointed out any apparently weak spots in their financial planning. As time passed it became evident that the various governments were going to be able to assume more and more financial responsibilities so that adjustments in the financial plans were made accordingly. This was especially true in the case of France.

In the field of freezing and blocking controls it was essential to ensure that the various governments had working knowledge of the freezing and blocking controls practiced by the U.S./UK from the point of view both of policy and of administration. There was need for discussion to overcome certain peculiar local problems. In Belgium, for example, it was found that the constitution might have been construed to prohibit freezing and blocking control without arrest. After discussions and the obtaining of legal opinions the Belgian authorities undertook to establish freezing



and blocking controls. Bank accounts, safe deposit boxes and real and personal property of enemy governments and their agencies were blocked. Advice was also given to the Belgian authorities as to methods of setting up Property Custodianship procedures for handling the property thus seized. ? ? ?

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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Replacement notes are known for all series and denominations of MPC with one exception. What is the note?  
(Series 691 and 701 are not included and neither are the 651 fractionals)

Answer next time

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PREVIOUS QUESTION

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Answer: Traveler's checks in 10 & 50 gulden (Chef Staf Nederlandsch Militair Gezag te Velde).  
Bill Myers.

Answer: plastic tokens in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 25 cents, 1, 5 gulden for use in the canteen I believe. Bill Myers

Bill is again correct.

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EDITORIAL

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We were experiencing some trouble with Yahoo. (what else is new) and had the ability to go back to the old format. I chose that option and you all should be receiving the Gram the way it used to be. I hope that the problems with extraneous letter will be eliminated. I'll look at my copy to see if I can tell the difference and would ask that subscribers report any good and/or bad news. My computer has been a little sluggish lately and I attribute that to some sort of infection. I update my virus protection and we will see what happens.

On a numismatic note, I received some stamps from a dealer in the Philippines and noted that the registered stamp on the envelope was in the same purple color as the JAPWANCAP overprints. Maybe they still have some of the old stamp-pads and ink over there.

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Dear Gram,

A comment to the message of Master Sergeant Daniel about the Cortrie Auction in Germany. Cortrie has the website in English too. Just click on the British flag... No need to use the dictionary!

Flemming Hansen

Dear Editor,

OK, look at the far extremities of today's gram - paragraph 75 is an orphan. I could figure out where to insert it, but whatever you are doing that breaks up Howard's transmissions has happened again.

Note the error in the conversion rates paragraph. The sterling-dollar rate is given as "Dollar-sterling cross rate will be \$ 4.303 1/2 equal one pound sterling." For starters, why on earth is it not expressed as \$4.3035, instead of \$4.303 1/2? That is really weird. Second, if you look at all of the other currency rates given following, it is clear that the rate is SUPPOSED to be \$4.035 per pound, not \$4.3035. Then, the BMA pound to \$ rate is given as \$4.03 %2, an obvious typo for \$4.03 1/2, again using the incongruous mixing of decimals and fractions. Howard, was this text scanned from the original? If not by you, apparently by someone, as the errors shown in \$4.03 %2 are exactly the kinds of errors that are introduced by scanning without manual corrections.

In any event, all please note that the dollar sterling exchange rate was one pound to \$4.035.

Joe Boling

[Dear Joe, Howard's feature was sent to my email address and was then forwarded to MPCGram@yahoo.com. From there I did a copy/paste of the sections I wanted to include in each Gram. When each Gram is completed, I do a spell check, a save, then send it off to binhost. I did miss the typo you found and thanks for the clarification on the exchange rate - Ed.]

Dear Gram,

You mentioned military issues from Brazil. The 2 cruzeiros issued by US Navy in Maceio has been in my possession for about 25 or 30 years, and I have never seen another except by word of mouth. It came from a retired Navy captain who was a close friend of mine for a long time. Much more recently I was able to locate a merchandise note for 1 cruzeiro issued at Bahia by the Ships Service Fountain. I would imagine things like these should be in Remembered, but I know Fred has indicated that there are so many different club and other kinds of chits that it may be well nigh impossible. I think that someplace there should be a comprehensive listing made of ALL such things- club chits, Red Cross chits, YMCA and all other kinds of military stores and clubs including NCO, Officers,

etc. and also those issued by other countries as well. They need to be captured NOW before any more are lost. Anybody want to do this?  
Neil Shafer

Dear Gram (and Fred Schwan)

I have recently acquired a Series 481 5c replacement note that I want to report to you for your replacement note population inventory. Thanks for your quick response. I thought it odd that I could not reach Fred as usual but was glad to find a contact as it were to inform him of my recent find.

The note that I recently acquired is a series 481 5c, position number 45, with serial number D01696303, . The note exhibits no damage but shows the soiling of average use during its period of circulation. Regarding condition, I would consider it a solid fine. No need to include me in your e-mails or the Gram. I just like to keep Fred informed of any finds I make of this sort since I know he keeps a population count/inventory of such things. I hope I have been able to contribute to Fred's efforts to assemble information on replacement notes.

Best regards,  
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TWIRR # 15  
WWII Pocket Guides #2 of 86 (approximately),  
by Fred Schwan

Recently I wrote about my budding collection of World War II pocket guides. I received a few responses, but no offers of any that I need. I am not sure if I mentioned or not, but the series is actually quite large. In addition to the country guides, there are city and language guides. Although they seem to have started during this war, they seem to have continued for a long time. Possibly they are still being published. Please hold me to this. I am only going to collect the World War II era country guides.

Recently a search on eBay turned up a group of miscellaneous WWII documents (thirteen pieces according to the seller). It included one of the country guides (that is how the search led me to it). I did not need that particular country guide, but the group looked interesting so I placed a small bid. To my surprise, I won the lot.

When it arrived I was pleased to find a different sort of private pamphlet: Hitts Up-to-the-minute War Atlas.

I liked it immediately. It is about the same size as the government country pamphlets and includes a lot of information (as most atlases do). The body of the thing is 100 per cent line drawing maps. Such maps are almost always interesting (at least to me) and WWII maps especially so. French West Africa and French Equatorial Africa and the other African colonies are of course interesting to study. In spite of the small size of the pamphlet, the maps for the Pacific islands are excellent. It is hard to find many of these islands on 2008 maps.

Manchukuo is in the table of contents (page 26) and is given a nice big map. It is also shown nicely on the map of Asia on the preceding page. Cool.

I did not even notice, but Judy did, that the United States is not included in the atlas. In an interesting treatment, Alaska and Hawaii territories ARE included but the rest of the country is not. I guess Mr. William M. Hitt would say that this is a war atlas so the other states are not necessary. How this then justifies the map of South American I am not sure.

The very best part of the book is the war time line on the inside covers. Mr. Hitt calls it a short history, but it is a nice time line.

I will comment much more on the time line below. After I found this (the time line), I studied the publication details more thoroughly.

Hidden in the globe on the front cover is: compiled and copyrighted 1943 by William M. Hitt. Those are words to stir a collectors heart. 1943!

That means that there probably are other years too. By the way, the price on the cover is 10 cents.

I have search eBay (current and past auctions) and Amazon (and Google for that matter). I came up with exactly one copy of a 1944 edition. Of course I ordered it instantly.

In spite of some confusing messages from Amazon, the pamphlet arrived yesterday and I am even more pleased (excited). I have not found any significant differences in the maps (yet), but the time line has been updated and as I look at it, I see that there have been some changes too.

I have been thinking about putting a WWII time line in Remembered. Even if I do not do that, I have wanted to develop one as a study aid. I figured that we (I) can start with a WWII line, then put in numismatic events for which we have dates. It should be interesting even if it is not useful.

I have seen various time lines, but this is the first contemporary list that I have seen. To me it is both interesting and instructive to study this one created during the war. Just as I anticipated, there are some entries that would not make many or even most short lists that might be compiled today. How about the declaration of war by Bolivia? There it is (April 7, 1943).

Here is the time line from Hitts 1944. My comments are in [].

1931

Sept. 18 -- World War II starts when Japan invades Manchuria.

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Answer next time

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PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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Replacement notes are known for all series and denominations of MPC with one exception. What is the note?  
(Series 691 and 701 are not included and neither are the 651 fractionals)

Dear Editor,  
I believe it is either series 481 or 651 \$5 note. I will say 481.  
Bill Myers

Dear Editor,  
In regard to your replacement question I thought there were 2 notes from 2 different series that have not been recorded as yet, series 481 \$5.00 and 651 \$5.00. Maybe I missed one being reported. Advise.  
Cheers,  
Harold (mpckid) Kroll

Dear Editor,  
MPC answer is the \$5 of 651.  
Neil Shafer

Harold has the most complete answer and your editor needs to explain why the question was incorrectly phrased. If you look in the MPC book you will find that three notes were not reported as replacements. This was as of the publish date of the book. Since that time I was under the impression that two of the notes had been reported, the last being a \$5 Series 481 presented to Al Glaser two(?) Fests ago. My recollection was incorrect. Al received a different note. That leaves two unreported replacements. To answer today's question, if you don't know the answer, look in the MPC book.

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EDITORIAL

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Fred's TWIRR brings us back to the question of when did World War II start.

Mr. Hitt puts the start in 1931 when China was invaded by Japan. This is interesting especially since Mr. Hitt made his determination in 1943 when his pamphlet was published, and when the invasion of France had not occurred and when the outcome of the war was still very much in doubt. In a book entitled World War II by C.L. Sulzberger, there is also a timeline of the war. This one starts on September 1st, 1939, when Germany invaded Poland and continues until September 1945 when Japan signed the formal surrender. It is broken down by days, months and years and is quite complete. Remembered covers the war, but the dates given in the formematter are 1930 through 1955. (These dates are a good subject for discussion as to exactly why/how they were chosen). It would seem that there is agreement with Mr. Hitt, at least about when the war started. The remainder of Mr. Hitt's timeline will be in the next Gram - that will be on Tuesday.

Happy Labor Day.

BTW, I was on the phone with Fred discussing his TWIRR while he was in Bowling Green with Jane and Warner Talso who were visiting family there. I was able to talk to Warner and am happy to report his leg is out of the boot/cast and he can walk, at least part-time, without the cane. Good news.

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Dear Editor,  
Under the old format, the strange letters & characters are gone! Yippee!  
Ken Berger  
[I love it when a plan comes together - Yippee indeed !! - Ed.]

Dear Editor and Philippine collectors,  
1. Mailbid XII will end Midnight EDT, Sunday, 31 August 2008. I have received bids from 118 bidders but there are many lots with no bids at

all. Please get your bids in NOW and avoid the rush on the last two days when I normally receive bids from 30-40 new bidders. I will not have time to give feedback as I have been doing over the last week. Nor will I have time to do last minute requests for SCANS of Lots. The list with current high bids through AM this morning are currently on my web site:

<http://mysite.verizon.net/cookiejarpi/>

Please do not call me for status of winnings after 31 August until I get awards and prices realized completed, printed and posted to my web site. That takes about a week and then I will do invoices of bidders in the order received. Prices Realized will be mailed to all that have bid in the sale.

2. I have finalized the purchase of all of C.M. Nielsen's WWII books and research papers and they are somewhere in a moving van coming from Salt Lake City to Columbia, Maryland. My intent is to list all items in an inventory which probably will take 6 months at least. There are SCARCE to RARE books in his library that will be of interest to WWII collectors. I intend to maintain Nielsen's Philippine books and papers intact with his collection of Philippine Guerilla Currency.

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In Memoriam  
Dr. Charles Radford Stearns  
1940 - 2008  
by John and Nancy Wilson

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Dr. Charles Radford Stearns, DDS on August 31, 2008. He was a close and personal friend of both of us. This is a great loss not only for his wife Mary Lu and their family, but also the entire numismatic community. Dr Radford Stearns had a great love for the numismatic hobby and contributed in many ways. He ran for the American Numismatic Association Board of Governors for the 2007-2009 terms and was successful. He will be missed on this important Board for which he brought knowledge, wisdom, energy and enthusiasm.

He was a great collector of Georgia Colonial Paper Money winning the ANA Howland Wood Best in Show Award. Besides collecting Georgia Colonial Paper Money, he also was a collector of Russian Money. Dr. Stearns not only exhibited at the ANA, but many other conventions around the country including CSNS and FUN. He was General Chairman for the 1987 American Numismatic Association (ANA) Convention in Atlanta, GA., where he

received the ANA Goodfellows Award. This award is given to the ANA General Chairmen.

He also served at various ANA Conventions as Assistant General Chair, Educational Forum Chair and Exhibit Chair. He has served on the ANA Audit Committee. During this current term, he was Co-Chair of the Educational Committee. He has been on Numismatic Theater programs for the ANA, FUN, CSNS and many others. Besides these achievements, Dr. Radford Stearns has served in many capacities for the Georgia Numismatic Association and Blue Ridge Numismatic Association. He was appointed by President Gerald Ford to the United States Assay Commission.

Dr. Radford Stearns received many honors from the numismatic community that he was so dedicated to and loved so much. In 2004, he received the ANA Glenn Smedley Award and in 1995 two Presidents Awards. The coveted Numismatic News Ambassador Award was bestowed on him in 1988.

This great Numismatist, Doctor and family man has left a mark on everyone who has crossed his path. He will be in the memory of everyone who knew him. His work and accomplishments in the hobby and professionally will never be forgotten. All of our prayers and thoughts to his wife Mary Lu and the family. On behalf of numismatists everywhere, Rad, you will be missed but never forgotten.

Archbishop Emeritus John F. Donoghue will preside at the Mass of Resurrection on Thursday, September 4 at 10:30 in the morning in Lilburn, GA at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church 5373 Wydella Rd., Lilburn, GA 30047 [www.ststephenthemartyr.info](http://www.ststephenthemartyr.info)

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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In 1940, Nazi Germany annexed districts and cities in Belgium and German currency circulated and became legal tender. How were the notes redeemed after Belgium was liberated?

Answer next time

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PREVIOUS QUESTION

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What was the series and denomination of the last MPC replacement note to be reported, and where was the announcement made?

Dear Editor,  
Series 591 25 cent sold to a major collector in northern Ohio at FUN show.  
David Seelye

Dear Editor,

The last reported replacement note out of the 3 unreported notes was the 591 25 cent. David Seelye reported the new find and the note traded hands to Fred Schwan at the Fun Show and now resides in the PCBH.  
Harold "mpckid" Kroll

Both answers are correct as to the note in question. If I am not mistaken, the announcement was made in Bank Note Reporter.

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EDITORIAL  
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There were concerns for Gramsters/Festers living in the path of hurricane Gustav. The Boss has told us that Doug Bell and family had evacuated to Oklahoma before the storm and are currently en-route back home to Louisiana.

I called Harold Kroll and he and his family came through fine, just losing some small trees. I was also able to speak with Doug myself and he was about two hours from home. He and his family are okay and do not anticipate any problems when they get back home. So it's good news all around.

On a technical note, I have experienced some problems with my computer. I contracted a virus and the software that I had to install to correct the problem has slowed down the speed. It has also blocked some of my emails and forces me to do restarts regularly to get the incoming messages. The problem is being worked on and hopefully will get better in the near future. An aside to Don Kolkman: I was able to get rid of the cookies and the trash and it has helped. Thanks.

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Dear Editor,

Back on 9 June 2007 (Gram #1550), there was an article in the Gram by Sam Spiegel, entitled "Inflation of JIM Pesos". In this article he gave a monthly exchange rate for Philippine pesos vs. JIM from 1942 to 1944. Upon rereading this article, I noticed he forgot to include the month of December for all the years.

Sam, or anybody else, do you have the rates for December?

Ken Berger

[The table with the exchange rates referred to from Gram# 1550 is reprinted below for easy reference:

One Peso (P1.00) in Terms of Japanese Military Notes.

[D. I. Ballantyne Conversion Table]

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March	1.00	1.15	6.00

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May	1.00	1.25	12.00
June	1.00	1.30	15.00
July	1.00	1.40	20.00
August	1.00	1.50	25.00
September	1.00	1.60	30.00
October	1.00	1.70	40.00
November	1.00	2.50	-- ]

Dear Editor,

I have been collecting pocket guides, "war" maps, country studies, etc., about Southeast Asia for a LONG time. Besides the U.S., our Allies and enemies also published similar references and maps! The guides and studies usually contain some interesting and valuable information, but they cause one problem. They are usually smaller than books and are sometimes crushed and damaged between hardbound books on my library shelves!

The Master Sergeant Daniel

[Editor's note: The remainder of the time-line from TWIRR 15 will be tomorrow's feature]

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TWIRR #15 - Time-line,  
by Fred Schwan

Here is the time line from Hitts 1944. My comments are in [].

1931  
Sept. 18 -- World War II starts when Japan invades Manchuria.  
1933  
March 5 -- Hitler is made dictator of Germany.  
1934  
Dec. 9 -- Italy invades Ethiopia  
1935  
March 1 -- Germany gets back Saar.  
May 1 -- Ethiopia conquered  
1936  
March 7 -- Nazi troops enter demilitarized Rhineland.  
July 17 -- Spanish revolt starts  
Nov. 25 -- Germany, Italy and Japan sign anti-Communist pact.  
1937  
Jan 30 -- Hitler repudiates Treaty of Versailles.  
July 7 -- Japan attacks China  
Dec. 11 -- Italy leaves League [of Nations].  
1938

March 12 -- Austrian Anschluss.  
 Sept. 29 -- Munich Conference gives Sudetenland to Nazis.  
 1939  
 Feb. 10 -- Japan seizes Hainan  
 March 15 -- Germany seizes all of Czechoslovakia  
 23 -- Germany takes Memel.  
 29 -- Spanish war ends.  
 April 7 -- Italy attacks Albania.  
 27 -- Conscription in Britain.  
 May 11 -- Japs and Soviets start 6-months undeclared war.  
 22 -- Germany and Italy sign military alliance.  
 Aug. 24 -- Nazi-Soviets sign non-aggression pact.  
 Sept. 1 -- Germany invades Poland.  
 3 -- Britain and France declare war.  
 17 -- Russia invades Poland.  
 2 -- Poland surrenders.  
 November 4 -- U. S. arms embargo repealed.  
 30 -- Russian invades Finland  
 Dec. 14 -- Russia expelled from the League of Nations.  
 1940  
 March 12 -- End of the Finn - Russ war  
 April 9 -- Germany invades Denmark and Norway  
 May 9 -- Britain occupies Iceland  
 10 -- Germany invades Holland.  
 10 -- Churchill becomes prime minister of Britain.  
 14 -- Netherlands surrenders.  
 28 -- Belgium surrenders.  
 June 4 -- Dunkirk evacuated.  
 9 -- Norway surrenders.  
 10 -- Italy declares war.  
 15 -- Russia invades Lithuania.  
 16 -- Russia invades Latvia and Estonia.  
 18 -- Start of heavy air raids on England.  
 22 -- France surrenders.  
 27 -- Rumania cedes Bessarabia and Bukovina to Russia.  
 Oct. 2 -- U. S. patrols Atlantic  
 8 -- Nazi troops enter Romania.  
 18 -- Burma Road reopened.  
 28 -- Italy attacks Greece.  
 Nov. 20 -- Hungary joins Axis.  
 23 -- Romania joins Axis.  
 24 -- Slovakia joins Axis.  
 March 1 -- Bulgaria joins Axis.  
 11 -- Lend-lease bill signed.  
 April 6 -- Germany invades Greece and Yugoslavia.  
 18 -- Yugoslavia surrenders.  
 23 -- Greek army surrenders.  
 May 2 -- Iraq troops attack British.  
 20 -- Nazis invade Crete.  
 31 -- Iraq signs armistice.  
 June 1 -- Crete is abandoned.  
 8 -- British and Free French invade Syria.  
 22 -- Germany attacks Russia.  
 26 -- Finland attacks Russia.

July 7 -- U. S. occupies Iceland.  
12 -- Syria signs armistice.  
25 -- U. S. and Britain freeze Japanese assets.  
Aug. 1 -- U. S. embargo on gas.  
14 -- Churchill and Roosevelt formulate 8-point Atlantic Charter.  
25 -- Russian and British troops invade Iran.  
28 -- Iran government submits.  
Sept. 4 -- Destroyer Greer attacked by U-boat.  
Nov. 17 -- Neutrality act repealed.  
Dec. 6 -- Britain declares war on Finland, Hungary and Romania.  
6 -- End of German offensive which failed to take Leningrad or Moscow.  
Russia starts counter attack.  
7 -- Japs attack Pear Harbor.  
11 -- Germany and Italy declare war on U. S.  
25 -- Hong Kong surrenders.  
1942  
Jan. 1-26 United Nations pledge total economic and military war against Axis, and reaffirm the Atlantic Charter.  
Feb. 15 -- Singapore surrenders.  
March 8 --Rangoon falls.  
April 11 -- Indian Congress rejects Cripps proposals.  
18 -- Doolittle bombs Tokyo.  
May 6 -- Corregidor surrenders.  
8 -- Battle of Coral Sea.  
30 -- First 1000-plane raid strikes Cologne.  
June 1 -- Nazis again take the offensive and start drive to Stalingrad and the Caucasus.  
4 -- Battle of Midway.  
July 1 -- Rommel drives British back to El Alamein.  
Aug. 7 -- U. S. Marines land at Guadalcanal and Tulagi.  
10 -- Commando raid Dieppe.  
22 -- Brazil declares war.  
Sept. 17 -- Japs penetrate within 32 miles of Port Moresby.  
Oct. 29 -- Alaska Highway opens.  
Nov. 4 -- Rommel starts retreat.  
7 U. S. and British land in north Africa  
27 -- French fleet scuttled.  
Dec. 16 -- Russia again assumes offensive.  
1943  
Jan. 18 -- leningrad siege broken.  
Feb. 2 -- End of Stalingrad battle.  
March 30 -- Mareth Line broken.  
12 -- All of Tunisia taken.  
April 7 --Bolivia declares war.  
May 11 -- U. S. attacks Attu.  
June 11 -- Pantelleria surrenders.  
July 4 -- Nazis start summer offensive against Russia.  
6 -- U. S. invades New Georgia.  
10 -- Allies invade Sicily.  
25 -- Mussolini resigns.  
Sept. 8 -- Italy surrenders.  
Jan. 14 -- Casablanca Conference.  
Aug. 11 -- Quebec Conference.  
Sept. 3 --Italy surrenders

Oct. 19 -- Moscow Conference.  
Nov. 22 -- U. S. lands in Gilberts.  
22 -- Cairo Conference.  
28 -- Teheran Conference.  
1944  
Jan. 22 -- Allies land at Anzio.  
April 2 -- Red armies cross into first enemy territory at Rumania.  
June 4 -- Rome falls to Allies.  
6 -- D Day. France invaded.

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Who was Dr. Schacht and what was his contribution to the war effort?

[Perhaps we can have others submit answers besides Bill Myers]

Answer next time

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PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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In 1940, Nazi Germany annexed districts and cities in Belgium and German currency circulated and became legal tender. How were the notes redeemed after Belgium was liberated?

Answer: On 19 SEP 1944 a proclamation was made that German notes held by Belgians had to be validated by the local magistrate with a rubber stamp with a rubber stamp featuring the coat of arms and community name. A decree of 20 OCT 1944 allowed the exchange of 10 francs = 1 reichsmark with a limit of 100 reichsmarks and greater amounts at 5 francs = 1 reichsmark with a limit of 400 reichsmarks. Notes of repatriates could be exchanged by decree of 24 JAN 1945  
Bill Myers

Bill is correct.

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Garry Arva's letter had an attachment which showed four examples of chits.  
As you know, Yahoo, will not let me add attachements, and due to the current conditions in the Louisiana area, we are unable to post them to the website. I guess the next best thing is for me to describe them.



The first, on a manila colored paper is a Transient Ration Ticket Good for one package cigarettes and it is signed by the Exchange Officer from Belem, Brazil. The second, on pink/violet paper is from the USO Beach Club in Natal, Brasil and is a Cash Credit Ticket valued at CR\$ 2.00 (10 Cents) and is good for cigarettes, cigars, soft drinks, sandwiches, etc. Next is a serialized Meal Coupon for the EM (Enlisted Man's) Mess, Belem, Brasil which has instructions to purchase the coupon in advance and to drop it in the box before eating. It is on manila paper and has no stated value in currency. The last is a Recife (sic) USO issue for Cr\$1,00 for use at the snack bar.

Despite the fact that these were issued/used in wartime, it seems that there were some comforts to be enjoyed by servicemen stationed overseas. Thanks to Garry for the examples. I printed out a copy and if anyone would like one, let me know.

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Dear Editor,

I have a few chits in my collection from Belem, Natal & Recife, Brazil. Thought someone may be interested in viewing them.

Garry Arva

Dear Editor,

HELP I need a new wallet with the series 692 Indian on it From Leo May  
Anybody know where I can get one?

Nick Schrier 800 546-8720

Dear Editor,

Concerning the pocket guides to various countries that our troops visited over the years. I once worked as a "belt liner" (checked medical shot records, dog tags and orders) while in the US Army at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. I was the guy who sent you back to the Doctor if you did not have your plague shot! My last duty was to check your destination for training or country to which you were being shipped. If it said " Viet Nam" I reached behind my desk and grabbed a small, chocolate brown guide and phrase book from a cardboard box. I saw many a trooper get weak in the knees when it was bestowed "free" upon their persons. Wouldn't you know it.. I didn't keep a one. Sincerely..

Gary (Who has 4's?) Hicks

Dear Editor,

An old friend of many numismatists, former military, and former intelligence personnel in the Washington, DC area, John Jefferson, passed away this past Friday. John was a retired US Army Colonel and veteran of WWII. He also retired from the CIA and was one of their Soviet Specialists. His last occupation was as the World Coins dealer at Coins of the Realm in Rockville, Maryland until his recent hospital admission. I know the Realm owner, Pete Boyer, and his staff will greatly miss him.

I drove to the hospital in Maryland to see him with Tom Keener, a local specialist in Asian coins, a couple of weeks ago. He could not speak but when he saw me, he slowly lifted up one hand and shot me a bird. His humor was still with him but his health was failing. It was sad to see him in his condition, but when I learn of a friend who might not make it out of the hospital, I travel to see him or her to say goodbye rather than afterwards at the funeral. Tom and

I were only there for a while, when the nurse started giving us "looks" so we said goodbye and departed. John's funeral service will be at 4PM at the Unitarian Church, 10309 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD on Saturday, September 6. If his coffin is open, I will slip a numismatic item in it to keep him company. There will be a reception after the funeral at Jay's (his son) house.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

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California, September 18-20 - www.longbeachexpo.com

World Paper Money Fair, Friday October 3rd and Saturday October 4th,  
Mermaid Conference Centre, off Puddledock, Blackfriars, London EC4

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23 Annual National and World Paper Money Convention,  
St. Charles Convention Center, St. Louis, Oct. 16-18  
Lyn Knight auction  
kfoley2@wi.rr.com

MOON (Minnesota Organization of Numismatics) Coin Show, Brooklyn Center,  
MN

October 17-19 - mooncoinclub@aol.com

3rd Annual Pacific Northwest Numismatic Assn/Willametter Coin Club Fall Show.

October 17-19 - <http://www.pnna.org/>

Indiana State Numismatic Assn, the Indianapolis Marriott.

October 31 - November 1 - [www.indianastatenumisnatics.org](http://www.indianastatenumisnatics.org)

Santa Clara Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo, Santa Clara Convention Center

November 12(set-up) 13 -16 auction by Superior Galleries

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Trip to Ft Jacksons Museums  
by Bill Myers

I took a drive to Ft Jackson in Columbia , SC to visit its museums. I first visited the Ft Jackson Museum. There were only 2 numismatic items. One was a group of notes which included Philippine JIM 10 pesos Plantation and Rizal Monument note, 100 pesos Rizal Monument note, Netherlands East Indies 1 gulden note, and a Japanese 50 sen War Memorial Note. There was no text, only a reference to the donor. The other was a wallet and its contents. It was stolen from CPT Edward Luney in 1947 and thrown under a building after the money was removed. It was found 50 yrs later when the building was torn down, and returned to his surviving wife, who donated it to the museum. The items displayed include his Officers Pay Data Card and a War Finance check for \$100 dated 30 SEP 1947.

I then visited the Finance Corps Museum . Right next to the entrance to the museum is a display case filled with wooden crates, unopened boxes and \$100 packs of series 701 \$20 notes! The exhibit, under construction, goes from the Revolutionary War to current operations. Of interest to readers of this newsletter is a display of AMC lire with 1943-1, 2, 5, 50 & 1000 lire notes, 500 lire note raised from a 50 lire and a 1943A 10 lire replacement note with SPECIMEN punched into it. There was also a 4

note uncut sheet of 1943A 50 & 100 lire and an uncut sheet of 6 notes of 1943A 500 lire. Next there was an exhibit of supplemental 2, 5, 50 and 100 French francs. German AMC was represented by a specimen booklet and by , 5, 50, & 100 marks produced by Forbes and a Russian 20 marks note.

MPC was represented by series a 471 5 cents replacement (B00464940), \$1 replacement (B00145082), series 472 5 cents replacement (C00504748), 50 cents replacement (C00272127) and \$1 replacement (C00056300). There was also a series 641 5 cents, 661 \$1 specimen, 681 25 cents and 692 10 cents. There was an Air Force MACV currency control card as well. And the final exhibit was a case with 20 unopened boxes and 1 opened box (4,000 total) of series 691 \$20 notes with \$100 packs scattered throughout the exhibit!

I found the text available in the museum was scant but it may be enough for someone who is not a numismatist.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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An issue of Bordanweisung with an here-to-fore unknown characteristic was seen at the Memphis Show this past June. What was unique about that particular money order?

Answer next time

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PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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Who was Dr. Schacht and what was his contribution to the war effort?

ANSWER: Dr. Schacht was Currency Commissioner and President of the Reichsbank during the Weimar Republic and President of the Reichsbank from 1933-1939 under the Nazi regime.  
Bill Haines.

ANSWER:  
Dr. Hjalmer Schacht was President of the Reichsbank and Minister of Economics for the Third Reich during the 1930s. He introduced currency controls that prevented Reichmarks from leaving Germany. One of the result of these controls was the creation of Konversionkasse. He was removed from office in 1941 because of involvement in coups against the Reich. He was accused of being involved in the plot to kill Hitler in 1944 and sent to Concentration Camps, where he remained until the end of the war. He was tried by the Allies at Nuremberg and was acquitted of War crimes.  
Dave Frank

ANSWER:

Dr Hjalmar Schacht was the President of the Reichsbank during WW II. He was responsible for some of the strict currency controls in Germany during the depression and war periods. The Konversionskasse scrip was created to support some of these controls.

Kathy Myers (not Bill)

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EDITORIAL

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When I first saw one of the email addresses for the last question, I thought Bill Myers had again responded. To my surprise, it was Kathy and, as she says, "not Bill". Thanks for the chuckle Kathy, and thanks to Dave and Bill for sending in correct answers. I did a little more digging on Dr. Schacht and was curious to find out what he was specifically charged with at the Nuremberg Trials. Schacht was charged with "Crimes Against Peace" . Initially he attempted to plea bargain and offered to testify against some of his co-defendants. His request was denied, but in the end it did not matter as he was acquitted, because the judges found that simply helping in the rearmament of Germany was not a crime. The fact that he was dismissed from his post prior to the start of the war was also a factor. Numismatically, he left us with the Konversionkasse and was somewhat involved with the creation of Bordanweisung (ship's money orders) which were created to enforce the policy of German currency not being permitted to leave Germany. See page 487 in Remembered for more details. Schacht died in June of 1970.

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Dear Editor.

In answer to Ken Berger's question, the Ballantyne Scale for the ratio of Japanese Military Pesos to the Commonwealth Peso for December is

1942 1.00

1943 2.50

1944 90.00

November 1944 60.00

January 1945 120.00

The scale ceases at this point since the Japanese Military Peso lost its legal tender status in February 1945.

Jim Downey

Dear Editor,

Both Rita and I were deeply saddened to read the letter from Howard Daniel to learn of the passing of one of the truly good guys in the world of numismatics; John Jefferson. I probably first made his acquaintance in the mid-1970's when I would travel to the DC area for shows and Coins of the Realm would set up. Pete Boyer would have his choice world currency while John was in charge of the world coins. Somewhere along the way I

nicknamed him "Jumpin Johnny" Jefferson and after awhile when he would call me he would say, "This is Jumpin Johnny. He was not only a man of his word in all the dealings we had in 30+ years (unfortunately not everybody in this hobby is), he was just a great guy to talk to about everything not just numismatics. I mentioned to Rita when we were in Baltimore for the ANA that I was surprised that Pete and John were not set up and just the other day I thought I should call to see how things were going. Of course I didn't and I'm truly sorry about that.  
I'll miss him.  
Bill Rosenblum

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Tales by Japanese Soldiers,  
by Howard A. Daniel III

Below are some excerpts from Tales by Japanese Soldiers, of the Burma Campaign, 1942-1945 by Kazuo Tamayama and John Nunneley, Cassell Military Paperbacks, London, 1992 (reprinted 2002), ISBN 0-304-35978-5, 254 pages

I bought this used paperback hoping I would find some information about Burma JIM. I did not find what I wanted but there are some little tidbits of information which might assist some Gramster researchers for an Gram article.

Page 27; (January 1942), We spent several days in Bangkok. I received 40 per cent of my pay in Thai money and went out to the town as soon permission was given, enjoying my freedom, and gazing at the house of Southern design.

Page 114; (1943), When the General received his salary he gave me (an enlisted aide) 100 yen telling me, Pay my personal expenses from this. At that time 100 yen was big money.

Page 118; (March 1943), The senior (British prisoner) man was a medical officer who had more than 200 one-rupee silver coins in a cotton bag.

Page 143; (February 1944), I kept close watch on the Indian commander but as the talk went on I felt that I could relax. Lieutenant Gajardalcin said that all of his men would join the INA [Indian National Army] and called his leaders who confirmed the decision.

Page 200; (Late 1944 retreat), In increasing numbers, our soldiers fell, physically emaciated and crippled, mentally alert. This soldier gave his money to his mates and, light-heartily, told them to buy something to eat when they got away from the front. After a while, he crawled to the foot of a tree, holding a grenade. Without any sign of hesitation, he activated the grenade and ended his life.

Page 205; (Late 1944 retreat), The sun managed to shine through a band of clouds. The wet clothes, soaked with rain, were put in the sun to dry. I noticed that some military (paper in the drawing) tokens (JIM or yen?) were placed neatly and carefully on the rocks where the sun was drying them. I was much disgusted as I felt this man's will to survive was ruled by greed.. A few days later I passed the same spot again, expecting to see him looking dry and neat. He was clinging to the rock lifeless. In my surprise, I realized that he had been preparing for his end.

Page 235; (November 1945), ...we were transferred by train to the camp for Japanese located in central India. The camp was in the midst of a big desert and was surrounded by barbed wire fences. They told us (captured Japanese nurses) that more than two thousand Japanese civilians who were taken from Singapore, Rangoon and the southern area (SE Asia) were in the camp with a few Germans and Italians. After some time, we volunteered to work at the hospital in the camp (page 236) and were told we would be paid 16 rupees a month, which according to the interpreter was good pay. But for some unknown reason, we never received the money. Page 241; late 1945/early 1946), Then we (captured Japanese nurses) were transferred to a hospital in the camp for Japanese Surrendered Personnel at Payagyi (Burma).

Page 251; (early 1944), Having captured Imphal, he (General Mutaguchi) proposed to press on into Assam and to start an uprising that would force the British out of India, with the aid of the Indian National Army commanded by Subhas Chandra Bose, a past President of the Congress Party.

Page 253; The Authors. Dr. Kazuo Tamayama A member of the Japan War History Society,

Page 254; In 1990 John Nunneley joined the newly created Burma Campaign Fellowship Group (BCFG) who aim is to promote reconciliation between former enemies

[There is a book, entitled THE BURMA ROAD, by Donovan Webster, 2003, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, ISBN 0-06-074638-6, which gives a complete account of the CBI (China, Burma, India) theater during WW II. It also mentions Bose. - Ed.]



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Answer next time

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PREVIOUS QUESTION

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No one, not even the Myers, submitted an answer to the last question, so we will keep it until there is a response (or, hopefully, responses). I'll even provide a hint - the answer can be found in a post Memphis Gram.

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EDITORIAL

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Colin Bruce wrote in with a request to help identify a coin that he feels might be WW II related. I realize we deal mostly with paper, but there are those among us who do collect the round metal discs. The images that were attached to Colin's email showed a 1942 South African copper cent (1d). large size, KM#25. On the obverse there is a portrait of King George VI, and there is a star after the date. The reverse features a three masted sailing ship in full sail. Punch stamped into the reverse are three lines of text. On top are the initials "KG" (for King George?); next are the numbers 18400, apparently stamped individually as they are not straight and the bottom reads "FHM", with the letter "M" having been pouched with an upside down letter "W". The date puts the coin into the WW II era and it could be that it was created as some sort of souvenir or "challenge coin". The significance of the numbers is anyone's guess and it is possible "FHM" are the creator's initials. Any other ideas out there?

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Dear Editor,

Please be advised that it is proposed to hold a Minifest during the forthcoming Coin and Banknote show in Melbourne Victoria, Australia. The show runs from 12-6pm Friday 12 September, 10-6 Saturday and 10 to 5 pm Sunday at the Melbourne Park Tennis and Function Centre. See [www.anda.com.au](http://www.anda.com.au). All military enthusiasts are invited to meet just before 6.00pm on Saturday evening when the venue of the Fest will be confirmed. Tony James and Nik Sharplin can be contacted for any further information regarding possible deliveries of currency for pay parades, show and tell etc. [Info@tonyjamesnoteworld.biz](mailto:Info@tonyjamesnoteworld.biz) or cell phone 61 414 426534 or inside Australia 0414 426 534.

Regards

Tony James

[Dear Tony, Please send a detailed report of the activities - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

I recently bought a 2008 copyrighted card covered book with the title of Currency War, How Forged Money is the New Weapon of Mass Destruction, by John (K.) Cooley. I was hoping to find something about the large and current counterfeiting operation in South China but the book is 75% history and very little about "New" operations. Nothing about the Chinese operation! There is also a lot of misinformation in it, misspelled names, locations, etc. A Gramster, Herb Friedman, is mentioned with some of the Vietnamese counterfeits we made during the Vietnam War but that was the only bright spot in the book for me, and the information is more accurate at the psywar website. I looked up the author to contact him and discovered he has recently passed away. So the book is really useless without some more information from the author.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Editor,

There is an interesting note from Sweden from WWII on the Ebay Discussion Board. No one can identify it. I thought I would bring it to the Gram audience who may be able to weigh in. Here is the link to the discussion.

<http://forums.ebay.com/db1/thread.jspa?threadID=1000749342&start=0>

Jim Downey

Dear Editor,

I received the August 29, 2008 issue of the Bargain Books catalog this week and found a book that might be of interest to those of you researching the beginning of WWII. The catalog description is: 7084870 HUMAN SMOKE: The Beginnings of World War II, the End of Civilization, by Nicholson Baker. It presents a wide ranging, astonishingly fresh perspective on the political and social landscape that gave rise to WWII. He [presumably the author] delivers a deeply moving indictment of the treasured myths that have romanticized much of the 1930s and '40s, and examines the gradual, horrifying advance to global war and Holocaust. S&S Pub., 566 pages. Published at \$30.00, now \$19.95. The postage and handling for all orders is \$3.50 and you can mail your order to Edward R. Hamilton Bookseller, Falls Village, CT 06031-5000. There is no street address or post office box. It sounds useful but it is impossible to tell until someone reads it and writes a review for the Gram.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Editor,

All right, guys, let's go back and get the WWII time-line reported CORRECTLY. I am not going to edit it for you, but here are some obvious errors:

Big gap between 24 Nov 1940 and 1 Mar of some unnamed following year - presumably 1941.

Inconsistent use of Romania and Rumania

Some place called Pear Harbor that is the subject of a Japanese attack 1943 starting over again after 8 September

Italy surrendering twice on two dates - the second time five days BEFORE the first time

Conferences in Cairo and Teheran just six days apart

With errors like these, the whole listing is suspect.

You also don't need a "(sic)" after Recife - that's the way the Brazilian city name is spelled.

I'm sorry to hear about John Jefferson's passing. I just got back from Radford Stearns' funeral.

Joe Boling

Greetings!

Please add me to the e-mail list.Thanks!

Kind Regards,

Jeff Starck, Senior Staff Writer

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Thanks.  
R. Pagano

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New Zealand Savings Certificate,  
by Jim Downey

I recently purchased a WWII-era New Zealand Savings Certificate on Ebay from a seller in the United States. While the Savings Certificate itself is an interesting piece, the seller also included a small card from the Reserve Bank of New Zealand which discussed the use and exchange of U.S. and Australian currency in New Zealand. The text of the card reads as follows:

FRONT COVER USA and Australian Exchange Tables. Members of any Allied Forces may exchange USA and Australian money for New Zealand money at any bank in New Zealand. Storekeepers and others supplying goods and services are authorized to accept USA and Australian money in payment for purchases made. The recipients must turn over to their Banks the USA and Australian money received. It is an offence against New Zealand laws for USA and Australian money to be dealt with at other than the official rates set out on this card. Reserve Bank of New Zealand. Wellington, March, 1942.

The inside pages contain the exchange tables for the US dollar (\$1.00 US = 6/1 NZ) and the Australian pound (1.00 AUS = 19/10 NZ).

BACK COVER Brief Notes on New Zealand Money. The unit of New Zealand money is the pound note, just as the American dollar bill is the commonly known unit of American money. The subdivisions of the pound are shillings and pennies. One pound (written 1) equals twenty shillings (written 20/-). One shilling (written 1/-) equals twelve pennies (written 12d.). Currency Notes (similar to American dollar bills). -- The currency notes most commonly in circulation are of the one pound and ten shillings values.

Coinage. -- There are five silver coins in common circulation, as follows: The half crown (two and a half shillings): Four of these coins have the value of a ten shilling note, and eight the value of a one pound note. The two shilling piece: Five of these coins have the value of a ten shilling note, and ten the value of a one pound note. The shilling: Ten of these coins have the value of a ten shilling note, and twenty have the value of a one pound note. The sixpenny piece (two to a shilling): This coin has the value of six pennies or two threepenny pieces. The threepenny piece (four to a shilling): This coin has a value of three pennies. There are two bronze coins, the penny and the halfpenny.

[Can you poker players picture a game with an Australian, a New Zealander and an American all using their own currency, especially after a couple of beers? - Ed.]

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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No questions will be posed while we are away (see the Editorial) since I am not bringing all the reference material with me, (and I don't know enough to do it from memory!) The questions will resume upon our return home.

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PREVIOUS QUESTION

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An issue of Bordanweisung with an here-to-fore unknown characteristic was seen at the Memphis Show this past June. What was unique about that particular money order?

ANSWERS:

Dear Editor,  
The Bordanweisung had the date punched out.  
David Seelye

Dear Editor,  
I do not have a copy of the old grams so I will guess that it had a different ships name or denomination than the ones already know.  
Bill Myers

Dear Editor,  
The Bordanweisung piece was punch cancelled.  
Harold "mpckid" Kroll

Dear Editor,  
I think the reason you didn't get any answers to the above question is that there was nothing really unique about the Bordanweisung note that we saw at Memphis. In the gram I was credited with saying that the perforated date on the note was the first one seen. If I did say that, I was wrong and I can only attribute that to fading memory from old age. You know the bit about "it is the second thing to go when you pass your 39th birthday." I do remember saying or possibly just thinking that I had never seen a Bordanweisung note from that ship--Hansa. You see, I have a note from the Deutschland, which was a sister-ship to the Hansa which has a perforated sailing date. In fact, the two dates are only about a week apart.  
I later found out that the note we saw in Memphis was for the last voyage of the passenger liner Hansa. The Germans then turned her into an auxiliary cruiser for the wartime effort. Scans of the two notes are attached. Too bad we can't show them in the Gram.  
Larry Smulczenski

[The two notes in the attachment are described as follows:  
D, Hansa RM1/Voyage 177/27 07 39 (perforated date)  
D, Deutschland RM1/Voyage 172/03 03 39 (perforated date)  
I believe the dates translate to 27 July 1939 and 3 March 1939, which would make them about 4 months apart. - Ed]

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EDITORIAL  
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We leave tomorrow for a trip out west. We are going to see some baseball in Anaheim and Phoenix, take a ride to Sedona and then the Grand Canyon and end up in Las Vegas where we will do very little gambling and a lot of sightseeing. I still don't have a laptop, so all I can promise is that I will do my best to get Grams out while we are away and report on any numismatics finds. We return on 19 September.

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Dear Editor,  
God Bless America on the Anniversary of 9/11.  
John and Nancy Wilson

Dear Editor,  
Can't say much about the South Africa coin except to note that the initials KG stand for the designer, George (?) Kruger-Gray. Also saw the Swedish 1944 banknote, never heard of this before so if anyone can solve this mystery it will help us all.  
Neil Shafer

Dear Editor,  
Dunno if all you guys are aware of the goodies on offer at the 1 October Spink London auction.  
I see a Caisse Centrale de la France Libre 5000 francs specimen ND (1941), P14A, is up for grabs in aUNC. The auction catalog says it ain't listed in Schwan and Boling but I make it #1187. Anyone want to straighten me out?  
And there is also a lovely BMA Greece 1 ND (1943), with serial 39Z 000035, PM6d, in UNC.  
Cheers,  
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(649)-638-6487; (649)-817-9423  
Mob: 021-152-1558  
mole@maxnet.co.nz

Dear Editor,  
The upcoming Heritage auction in Long Beach has a high grade Thailand MPC Coupon Series 3 in it. It can be seen at:  
[http://coins.ha.com/common/view\\_item.php?Sale\\_No=3002&Lot\\_No=22778#photo](http://coins.ha.com/common/view_item.php?Sale_No=3002&Lot_No=22778#photo).

The Master Sergeant Daniel

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New York Inc, Waldorf Astoria - admission charge

January 8(set-up) 9-11, 2009 - [www.nyinc.info](http://www.nyinc.info) - [kfoley2@wi.rr.com](mailto:kfoley2@wi.rr.com)

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Scholarship items on ebay

by Dan Freeland

I finally got around to listing several items on ebay where all the profits from these items go to the scholarship fund. The fastest way to find these items is to go to eBay, click on advanced search, search items by seller and type in my ebay user ID which is ksfdaf. Items listed include minifest notes from;

Colorado Springs Coin Show minifest,  
fest notes handed out after Bill Myers' talk at ANA,  
fest notes handed out after IBNS meeting at ANA,  
convention fest notes handed out out ANA banquet.

Also up for auction are

Long Beach mini-fest pogs,  
Colorado Springs souvenir cards,  
ANA summer seminar souvenir cards,  
Fest Seven Souvenir cards.

I will also ship to bidders in Canada and will figure postage total after auction is over for these bidders.

TWIRR #16

by Fred Schwan

In a little bit of irony, I read that Editor Roger is on his way to sin city to try his luck. I am sitting in a motel in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario before going to the casino here. Unfortunately, I cannot step in to put out a Gram while he is on the road. I have not been trained on this fancy new way that Roger is sending the Gram. We will have to work on that.

I have been out of town for the past ten days. Big deal? Show? Research sojourn? No. Fishing. Yes, fishing.

Fest poker players will remember Charlie who was the tournament director at Fest IX. He and I went to Northern Ontario in search of giant pike.

We found a great time.

I did not get to do too much numismatically, but I did take my laptop and in a really isolated fishing/bear camp, I worked on several writing projects. Frankly, there was not much (nothing) to do at night. The camp had generator power so I could recharge the machine.

I am looking for a coin shop today, but the Internet does not indicate any such establishment here.

I had one tiny numismatic adventure on the way north. I cannot figure out a way to make it a military numismatic story, but one of the advantages of being a columnist is to wander (hint, column slots are available).

Anyway, on the way north, we stopped in this same hotel where I am now. We were given certificates redeemable for various things at the casino. One of the certificates was for \$10 in slot machine tokens. When I tried to redeem the coupon, the clerk/teller told me that she was sorry, but the casino no longer used tokens so she would have to give me actual cash. Joy to most, but not to me. I asked her if she had any of the tokens at all.

She looked in her drawer. She said well I have one roll (turned out to be a half roll) of the quarters and I have a few of the nickels. I said that I will take them all. She hesitated. The machines will not take any of them she said. I do not care said I. She was trying to protect me I think.

Eventually, she gave me 70 cents in nickels and \$5 in quarters. I asked if they had other denominations. She said that they had had others, but they had all be salvaged.

In a related issue, at some other casino along the way, they had a similar deal. I collected another \$10 in custom tokens. It turned out that there were two varieties of this token. I think that I will put up little groups of four gaming token on eBay (when I get to it, probably 2022).

There was one other interesting thing at the casino. When I cashed in my chips, I had a (just one) \$100 chip (I had started with \$100 cash). The clerk checked the chip for authenticity by putting it under a UV light. It was a good lamp too. Wish that I had been fast enough to get some information from the lamp. Also wish that I had asked about counterfeit chips for Joe.

One final note. When we left the bear (fishing) camp a fellow who works there bought a copy of Remembered!

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EDITORIAL

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Fred here. After writing the above TWIRR and making it home, I received a call from Roger who, I thought was in Vegas. Well, he is still enroute. He held my hand a little bit so that I could help get this Gram out. The next one should be from Vegas--good luck Roger.

I have not yet looked at the scholarship items that Kathy and Dan Freeland have put on ebay, but I will go there as soon as I finish this Gram. The entire profits from the sale of these items goes directly to our scholarship fund. This is an important project and deserves our support.

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Dear Gram:

The history of the MS Sobieski and the notes that were issued on the ship during WWII have been written up previously in the Gram. Here are a couple of links containing pictures of the ship.

<http://dss.ucsd.edu/~lزامosc/Sobieski.htm>

<http://stefanbatoryoceanliner.homestead.com/files/Sobieski2.jpg>

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Chicago, April 24-27  
Long Beach Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo,  
California, May 29-31  
Baltimore Coin and Currency Expo, Baltimore,  
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ANA Summer Seminar, Session One, June 21-27  
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32nd IPMS, Memphis, June 27-29  
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Mystery Rubber Stamp,  
by Joe Boling

Well, it's been way too long since I submitted anything except criticism to the gram. I have three subjects awaiting treatment (items I have acquired over the summer), but let's first deal with one I got just four days ago at the Illinois Numismatic Association convention in Tinley Park, Illinois.

This is a piece that belongs to dealer Tim Kyzivat. He is putting it up for investigation, hoping that someone can shed some light on it, and then will auction it through the gram, with some portion of the proceeds coming back to the scholarship fund.

The note is a 1935A silver certificate \$1 bill (face/back plates 5339/3716), with a red three-line over-stamp on face and back that says "ARNOLD, SCHWINN & CO. / H. H. (WHITEY) SCHMIDT / SERVICE FORCES FUND" with the last line being in italics. All three lines are 3mm tall. The stamp is the same on both face and back of the note. Under the stamp on the back is an autograph signature "Whitey Schmidt" in black fountain pen.

Arnold, Schwinn & Co. is the famous bicycle maker. I can find nothing about H H (Whitey) Schmidt. There is a Whitey Schmidt who wrote eight or

more books on cooking and touring on Maryland's eastern shore, but the initials HH are not associated with that Whitey in anything I found. "Service forces fund" is a new term to me, and I could find nothing on line about it, either.

There is always a chance that the final line has no connection to the armed services. But the fact that the note is signed, like a short snorter, combined with the wording of that last line, makes me conjecture that there is SOME connection to the military. Who can tell us what it is?

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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No questions will be posed while we are away (see the Editorial) since I am not bringing all the reference material with me, (and I don't know enough to do it from memory!) The questions will resume upon our return home

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EDITORIAL  
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Here we are in Vegas. Thanks to Fred for pinch-hitting and to my daughter who sends out the Gram from my home when we are away. We started out in Los Angeles with a ballgame and then drove to Phoenix for another.

Next stop was the Grand Canyon (if you have never been, it is well worth the trip - it is awesome!) and finally to Vegas. Along the way we found nothing of numismatic interest to report. We couldn't even find a souvenir elongated cent machine. Today's trip to Lake Mead and the Hoover Dam was a bit better from a numismatic point of view. We were able to get an elongated cent and found quite a number of proof, bullion and type set coins in the gift shop. That struck me a little strange as I never thought of the Dam in numismatic terms. I also picked up a medal which was copper plated from reclaimed copper that was once used to conduct electricity. As an electrician and a collector, how could I not buy one.

We will be here until Friday then it's back home. Regular Gram publication will resume on Monday.

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Dear Editor,  
Here are the dates for the CPMX Show for 2009 CHICAGO PAPER MONEY EXPOSITION Kevin Foley, Convention Chairman (414) 421-3484 FAX (414) 423-0343The 15th Annual Chicago Paper Money Exposition will be held Thursday through Sunday, March 5-8, 2009at the Crowne Plaza Chicago OHare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois, 60018.  
Brian Giese

Dear Editor,

I just received an email from George Manz in Canada about his October Auction. There was nothing in it for me but there are three lots that will be of interest to some Gramsters. They are; CANADA WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

138. Dominion of Canada \$5 War Savings Certificate. Dated 15-9-1943, this note is made out to Robert L. Moyer . AU. Minimum Bid \$25 \$100.

139. Dominion of Canada War Savings Certificate Application. During World War II, if you filled out this War Savings Certificate Application form and affixed 16 25 cents stamps, you would receive a \$5 War Savings Certificate (see above). Comes with 14 affixed 25 cents stamps. VF.

Minimum Bid \$15 \$50.

GASOLINE RATION COUPON

141. Canadian Gasoline Ration Coupon. Valid January 1 to March 31, 1943. Perforated and still intact. Good for one unit of graded gasoline. Fine, but bottom right corner missing. Minimum Bid \$1 \$5. Hope a Gramster wins them!

The Master Sergeant Daniel

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Third Australian Minifest,  
by Tony James

My apologies for the delay in this report of the 3rd Australian Minifest held during the ANDA Show 12-14 September 2008. The meeting was held on the Saturday evening after the show closed. John Yarwood and I waited for Nik Sharplin to pick us up and as there were no other collectors waiting, we assumed that either they were watching the local semifinal of the Football (that is Australian Rules when you happen to be in the state of Victoria) or were not on the Gram distribution list. A suitable restaurant was selected from the dozens in the laneways of the city and wine and dinner ordered. I had previously received the security package from the printer and a small pay parade was held between courses of the meal. Some examples of the certificates which have a WW1 Gallipoli theme are being sent to the ANA for next year's YN auction and another set for Dan to auction on eBay for the Military scholarship fund. Show and Tell revealed some military patches from the Middle East by John Yarwood which he had received during his recent correspondence with collectors. Nik Sharplin produced a 1d from a South African Internment camp from WW2 which was in Afrikaans and a medallion from WW1 which related to the Isle of Man Internment camp 1914-

1915. My contributions were a 6d "tinnie" lapel badge for the support of the Medical Aid for Russia WW2, WW2 Greek reissued note with cancellation holes 1000 drachmae, 50 Franc Tresor Francais for the Occupied territories, and a Cam Rahn Bay United Seamans Service token. It was really great to meet again and we agreed that it did not seem like a year since the last minifest

Tony James - Military seminarian and still potential Fester in the years to come?

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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What was the BCOF, where were they deployed and what did they issue?

Answer next time.

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EDITORIAL  
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Vacations are always too short and this one was no exception. As reported our last few days were in Las Vegas. We are not gamblers and that became very evident when we decided to try our luck on some slot machines. We saw there was no coin/token slot and inquiries revealed the "new" (at least to us) method. Paper money can be inserted into a slot in the machine and credits are given which go up or down depending on the spin of the wheels. When you win, the slot makes noise like coins are dropping, but in fact nothing comes out. When you decide to cash out, a paper chit with a bar code comes out of the machine and this can be put into another slot machine or into a machine that will deliver currency. This kind of fits in with Fred's TWIRR report.

We walked through a lot of the casinos just to see the differences - they are all about the same - and we decided to collect a one dollar clay casino chip from each. That's a hobby in itself, but the dozen or so we picked up are nice souvenirs.

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Dear Editor,

You misread the date on the Deutschland note. It is 03 08 39 which as I said is about a week apart.

Larry Smulczenski

[It's time for new glasses! - Ed]

Dear Editor,

I have attached four scans of front and back of two different MPC replacements not listed in your book "Military Payment Certificates":

Series 481 10 cent D01992480 XF

Series 681 10 cent C00416573 VG

If possible could you send me an updated chart of known replacements. Also do you have a chart of low and high serial numbers for regular issue MPC. I have several high serial numbered notes that are within 50K of the number printed. Hope this is useful.

Bernard Baxley  
pezpostman@aol.com

[Dear Bernard, According to the latest edition of MILITARY PAYMENT CERTIFICATES (2002) both of the notes you have are listed as known replacements. The next edition of the book is expected in 2009 - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

I hear an ugly rumour that the East Bay collection includes a nice WWII New Caledonia 1000 francs and may well be included in the first tranche of this remarkable collection to be offered by Bowers & Merena 27-28 October -

despite a reference to Chinese & Russian notes. However, the catalog was not posted on their web site at time of writing. If not October try November pre-Baltimore.

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Dear Editor,

I just received an email from George Manz in Canada about his October Auction. There was nothing in it for me but there are three lots that will be of interest to some Gramsters. They are:

#### CANADA WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

138. Dominion of Canada \$5 War Savings Certificate. Dated 15-9-1943, this note is made out to Robert L. Moyer . AU. Minimum Bid \$25 \$100.

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141. Canadian Gasoline Ration Coupon. Valid January 1 to March 31, 1943. Perforated and still intact. Good for one unit of graded gasoline. Fine, but bottom right corner missing. Minimum Bid \$1 \$5.

Hope a Gramster wins them!  
The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Editor,

HOT down here in South Carolina, hope you didnt get too wet from all the tropical storms this summer.

Isabella wants to know why she is not listed as attending the next Fest?  
She is already looking for her show and tell.

I talked with Kim to sign up for a room about a month ago so could you  
add us to the attendee list. Thanks

Jack Lippincott  
Isabella Proksch

[Editor's note: Kim has sent a list of Festers who have called. It is  
different from what is published here. We will get it all sorted out and  
make an updated listing shortly. John and Nancy Wilson have also sent in  
an updated calendar listing which will appear in the next couple of  
days.]

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Series 9, No 1722      Wednesday, September 24th, 2008

TWIRR #17,  
by Fred Schwan

Oh my has it been a busy week. I stopped in a Militaria shop in St. Louis called Overlord Militaria. Any Militaria shop with the guts to use a name like that ought to be good--and it was. No, it was great. I do not know if I will get to a full review on that visit here because there is so much to tell.

Among other things, I was there when a local television station came in to do a news report on the place so I got on television. I think that Judy did too.

You will probably not be surprised to learn that I was looking at WWII Pocket Guides. As I told the reporter Overlord must be the only place on the planet where you can ask to see WWII Pocket Guides and get a nice selection. On the other hand, although I did purchase a few, he did not have any that I needed for my prime collection (since I am trying to only do the country guides during the war and NOT the language and other guides). Having said all of this, there are some language guides on eBay right now for languages for which I have not seen the associated country guides (Malay, Tagalog and possible some others).

The owner/operator of Overlord is Tony Petruso (3008 Woodson Rd. St. Louis, Missouri 63114 USA (314) 423-6644 ). Not only does he have a great shop and is a great guy, but he is also personally a great collector. His personal area of special interest is sweetheart jewelry. This great collecting area has an intersection with military numismatics and trench art (also with a MN intersection.)

Of course sweetheart jewelry is jewelry for wives and girlfriends. It was very popular in WWI and WWII among others (including Vietnam) to give or send a special item to the sweetheart. Miniature versions of rank insignia and badges were popular. I gave a few things like this as charms for her bracelet to my mother and think that I sent a miniature pair of jump wings to a sweetheart.

The obvious intersection is when the jewelry item is made of a coin (or potentially other numismatic item (like a medal--although I have never seen one)).

Well, Tony has some real nice what I would call trench art items and which he would call sweetheart jewelry.

I am sure that I have mentioned before that among the most common WWII trench item is one made from Australian coins that were struck in the United States. These items even have another special name--Pacific War Art. Anyway, a very special sub-sub set is Pacific War art from these coins specifically made for New Guinea. These are often engraved and crafted into bracelets.

Tony has the finest piece of World War II trench art that I have ever seen. It is as described above: a New Guinea bracelet made from the US-struck Australian coins.

What makes it so extraordinary? There are several things. First, a large coin is crafted into a heart shape (this is rather normal). The cool thing is that the two adjacent coins are cut out so that the curves of

the heart fit nicely with the heart. Next, the heart is engraved on BOTH sides (I do not remember the message at this moment). Now for the really amazing part. While it is common to have a local scene of palm tree and beach on one of these Pacific war art coins. In this case the scene encompasses all of the coins in one continuous scene. It is magnificent. Tony took a photograph of my new bracelet (still in Tonys possession till I can talk him out of it). It is on an old 3.5 inch floppy disk. I took some other photos with his camera. Now I hope that I can find a way to read this floppy when I get home. I could not take a chance and not take the best photo that I could while I could. I guess that this partial report on Overlord Militaria Shop turned out a little longer than I had wanted so I will save the other topics for next time (but I might not wait till next week). I hope that you will take the change to visit the Overlord shop at your earliest opportunity.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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Where are the Levant States?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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What was the BCOF, where were they deployed and what did they issue?

ANSWER:

BCOF...I believe Australian or British Colonial Occupation Forces in Japan, etc. and Australian postage stamps were overprinted B. C. O. F. Cheers,  
Colin Bruce

ANSWER: The British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF), was the name of the joint Australian, British, Indian and New Zealand military forces in occupied Japan, from February 21, 1946 until the end of occupation in 1952. At its peak, BCOF comprised about 40,000 personnel. They used British armed forces special vouchers and Australian 1/2 and one penny coins but the coins are not marked specifically for BCOF. They did release an aluminum ACS/BCOF/ONE/UNIT token and overprinted Australian stamps in denominations of 1/2, 1, 2, 6 pence and 1, 2, 5 shillings.  
Bill & Kathy Myers

Colin is correct regarding the stamps and Bill and Kathy are also correct as to what was issued, except that the reference to a 2d stamp should be 3d (probably a typo). See Remembered page 316. Does anyone out there have a complete set of the stamps, or the aluminum token? I would be interested in a scan of the stamps if available.

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EDITORIAL

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Thanks to John and Nancy Wilson, the Calendar section information has been updated through the ANA Los Angeles in August of 2009.

We have also compared the list of Fest X registrations as received by Kim at Headquarters to the listing in the Gram. The Gram list includes Harold Kroll, Larry Smulczenski and Bill Yanchick, however Kim does not list them on her attendee list of 4-16-09 which is the latest one I have. I'm sure Harold, Ski and Bill are coming and hopefully Kim can send us an updated listing. If you are coming, please call Kim, and if you have already called and are not on the list let me know so I can make the update.

My computer contracted a virus of some sort and the solution has made it run very sloooooowly. It has also blocked my personal email. I have an old back-up computer so I can get my personal email but that gets a little iffy at times. So please send any Gram correspondence to MPCGram@yahoo.com

to make sure I get it in a timely manner. If you have sent something in and it has not been published, please re-send it. At present there is nothing in the "in-box" waiting to go out.

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Dear Editor,

I like a lot of other bidders would have hoped that it was the actual front and back of the note for sale, would have been an interesting addition to any collection, bidders interested in the notes will know what the reverse looks like, the most important part is the front unless there is something wrong with the reverse that we should know about. I noticed (after I e-mailed you) that you had another comment on the listing.

R. Pagano

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Series 9, No 1723      Friday, September 26th, 2008

What's it Worth?,  
by Roger Urce.

A while back Gary Snover offered to send in a copy of his 1974 price list.

I thought it would be interesting to see the worth of the notes we collect from a thirty-four year old list. Here are a few examples:

AMC - France

5 Francs, Serie 1944, Flag rev, f-vf ,25, same AU .40

100 Francs, Flag Rev, xf \$4, same Unc \$6.00

AMC - Germany

20 Mark, Serie 1944, "1", Russian zone, vg-f \$4.50

1 B.U.T.E.Hq Command Barter Note, Series 1947, Frankfurt an Main, xf \$110.

AMC - Italy

500 Lira, Series 1943A, f \$8.50, same vf \$11.00

ALLIED OCCUPIED JAPAN

20 Yen, Lg A Type, Rare early Type, f \$100.00

5 Yen, Large B Type, B-B serial nos, Scarce \$11.00

MPC

\$5 Series 472, good, very scarce note \$100.00

\$5 Series 521, rare issue, vg \$225.00, same f \$250.00

\$5 Series 611, scarce note (no grade listed) \$100.00

\$10 Series 661, Au \$40.00

\$1 Series 661, Replacement note, \$7.50 [Was this a misprint?]

\$10 Series 681, Replacement note, xf \$50.00, au \$57.00

MISC US MILITARY

\$10 US Note, 1934A, Yellow Seal, North Africa, Star replacement note  
Scarce, vg-f \$27.50

The list also included a number of books and one caught my attention:  
World War II Allied Military Currency, by Toy, 3rd Edition \$2.25

I'll also mention that the St. Louis PCDA Lyn Knight auction offers MPC to include 50 Cents, series 481 replacement, G/VG, \$1000-\$2000 and a Series 641 dime, listed as PCGS Superb Gem New 69 PPQ - \$125-\$250.

What strikes me in addition to the price differences is the vast differences in the descriptions used for the notes. In 1974, no one would have the slightest idea what PPQ stood for.

There is on other note in the auction which may be of interest and that is lot number 306. "\$20 Union Military Scrip, Topeka June 1, 1867. These were issued to settle claims for and Indian Expedition of General Curtis in

1867 AU (200-400)" The notes has a central vignette of a female holding an American flag with the capitol dome in the background.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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One of the design elements of the five cents series 472 MPC issue is the same as on two other notes. What are the two other notes?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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Where are the Levant States?

ANSWER:

The Levant States are in the Middle East. Basically Syria and Lebanon.  
Steve Jinks

ANSWER:

Basically, Syria and Lebanon.  
Bill McNease

ANSWER:

The name Levant States was given to the French mandate of Syria and Lebanon after World War I.  
PS, it was a typo that I wrote 2d not 3d in the last question  
Bill and Kathy Myers

[Prior to reading Remembered, I must admit I had no idea where or what the Levant States were. According to the French-English dictionary, Levant translates to "rising sun" - Ed.]

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EDITORIAL

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Of course I should have realized that the BCOF items would be in a famous Texas (formerly Florida) collection as Larry pointed out in his letter. Not only did he send scans of the stamps, but also scans of six different Australian Army Canteen Services chits in four denominations, a scan of an Ebisu Leave Hospital 1d Chit which is yellow with a red horizontal stripe and a scan of the aluminum token. I would say that is a complete answer to the BCOF question. Thanks also to Dennis Earle and Grahame Austin for their information. The fact that Larry can email the Gram with information and scans and I can copy over the information and not the scans boggles the mind. There must be a way, a program or technique that could be used to get pictures in the Gram. I'll ask all the computer types out there, and I know there are quite a few, to solve the problem.

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Dear Editor,

By now you should have learned where things like you asked for[BCOF issues} reside. It is just too bad that we somehow can't incorporate them right into the Gram.

Ski

Dear Editor,

Scans of the Australian BCOF stamps can be "lifted" from eBay items 120303813497, 310086212985 or 350099072867.  
Grahame Austin

Dear Editor,

These tokens [BCOF] do turn up on eBay. I have purchased (and sold) about 10 of the tokens in the last 1 1/2 years. Most of them came out of either Australia or Japan. Happy hunting,  
Dennis Earle.

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Series 9, No 1724      Monday, September 29th, 2008

Double Agents and Counterfeit MPC,  
by Howard A. Daniel III

[Editor's note: Howard sent in two letter and they have been combined here. We have also extracted the counterfeit information from the website referred to by Howard]

In the past year, I have made a point of reading one book a month about special operations during the Vietnam War and other "activities" in Southeast Asia in which I was involved or knew someone who was involved with them. It has brought back some good and bad memories to me. About a month ago, someone told me about "Those Gallant Men, On Trial in Vietnam" by John Stevens Berry. It was published by the Presidio Press in Novato, CA in 1984. I found a used copy of the book on Amazon for about \$1 plus shipping. It was worth much more than what I paid for it! The author was an Army JAG officer assigned to II Field Forces from 1968 to 1969 and was one of the defense lawyers for the Special Forces officers accused of murdering a Vietnamese agent, who was discovered to be a double agent...meaning he also spied for the NVA/VC and there was a picture of him meeting with some NVA officers! At the time, my comrades and I were quite pi...ed [annoyed] about the

whole thing but if we knew everything that was happening to those officers, I am sure there would have been a revolt by many of us! I do not want to say more because I am still upset about what I just finished reading. But there was also a nice tidbit of information from another case, which is of interest to Gramsters. On page 51, starts some of the testimony of a man by the name of Ralph Benson. Here is one question and part of his answer; Q: Can you explain what happened? A: I was detailed from the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment to work with the CI group as an undercover agent. I was supposed to go into a Filipino counterfeit ring and find out where their ink and paper and prints were that they were using to print the military payment certificates. Counterfeiting of MPC! I know there are reports of it but I do not know the sources or what series. I think one or more Gramsters should be researching the JAG files for the Vietnam War to see if there

is any supporting documents about the counterfeiting. I will contact some friends in the Philippines to see if they know anything about it.

This page; <http://www.25thida.com/TLN/tln4-20.htm>, from the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam on May 19, 1969 reports counterfeit \$10 MPC being used to purchase a postal money order! Who owns one of these pieces?

#### Fake MPC Found In Circulation

Counterfeit Ten Dollar Military Payment Certificates (MPC) are being circulated, according to the Comptrollers Office, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.

The counterfeits are described as being of fair quality, and were discovered when two of them were used to purchase a postal money order.

The coloring of some parts of the imitation notes is different from that of genuine bills. In addition, the counterfeits are printed on a lighter weight paper.

An investigation is underway. Meanwhile, facilities authorized to deal in WPC have been alerted to watch for counterfeits.

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No fair, checking on the Internet.  
Ken Berger  
[I think this is a great question. I made my guess then did a little  
research to find I was wrong. - Ed]

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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One of the design elements of the five cents series 472 MPC issue is the same as on two other notes. What are the two other notes?

ANSWER:

The denomination shield on the face is from the Allied Military yen which is from the 1906-1936 Philippine 500 pesos note.

Bill Myers

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When I read Howard's letters something came out of the back of my mind and I think I can recall being warned about counterfeit MPC back in 1967 while we were in the Delta. The details are a little fuzzy and I will have to email three shipmates with whom I served at the time to see if their memory is any better than mine. If we had received warnings I would image it would have been about the one and ten dollar issues of series 641 as that was the only series used during my stay "in country". I do not mention the five dollar issue as, and I may have mentioned this before, I was unaware of a five dollar Series 641 until I started collecting MPC. We were shipboard in the Mekong River and neither we Navy or the 9th Division Army personnel manning our gunboats ever received one in pay or change. It would certainly be a major news story to actually find one of the counterfeits mentioned as being used to purchase money orders.

We will look forward to comments from other Vets and Gramsters.

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Dear Editor,

I have not been receiving the MPC Gram for quite some time. I thought that everyone was taking it easy until the next MPCFest, but Dick Dunn tells me he ha been getting them regularly.

The reason I probably have not been receiving them is because I dropped [cnainfo@look.ca](mailto:cnainfo@look.ca) when I gave up being Executive Secretary of the Canadian Numismatic Association.

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John Regitko

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Counterfeit MPC,  
by Larry Smulczenski

Roger's tour of duty in VN and mine were roughly in the same time frame although I came at about the time he left. He mentioned being warned about counterfeit MPC and theorized that it would be one and ten dollar Series 641 notes. I believe that the 641 \$10 was heavily counterfeited and that, as much as black marketing led, to the change over to Series 661. Series 661 was short lived, lasting less than ten months and was also counterfeited. I personally have three examples of \$10 counterfeits of Series 641 and one from Series 661. You can see two of my 641 notes on page 58 of the current Comprehensive Catalog of Military Payment Certificates by Schwan. The top one is a pretty poor copy, printed on paper that is a dark shade of brown but on paper that is about the same weight as a normal note. None of my notes are on light weight paper as stated in the 25th Infantry Div. article. The only color differences I see are in the intensity of the brown

and orange. Sometimes lighter, sometimes darker than a good note. But, look at that serial number--no prefix letter, no suffix letter plus no position number and uneven spacing of digits. The second note must have been captured before the serial numbers and position numbers were applied. Much better job, on clear white paper but the orange color on the back is very heavily applied. My third example is a very good copy. Nice color on the face, good paper, great work on the SN and position number. The colors of the back are badly washed out, but the killer is that there is not one planchette on the entire note. None of the counterfeits make an attempt to fake the planchets. A little side story to the 641 \$10 counterfeits is that I remember seeing a paper bag about the size that you could stick two pints of ice cream into, just crammed full of hundreds of these counterfeit 641 \$10's at a government installation. I was told that they were

just  
left on the doorstep of the building. Was someone having a guilty conscience or was it getting too hot for that person? Where are they now? Good questions. The \$10 Series 661 that you see in the MPC book on the same page is similar to the one I have. It is not as good as the actual note as the colors appear to bleed together. Also the serial numbers are not as crisp as the ones on a good note. I however believe that this was the type of note that an attempt was made to pass in the post office. The date falls well into the time period when Series 661 was in use. However, any of the counterfeits could easily pass (except maybe the unfinished one) in a dimly lit bar on Saturday night in downtown Saigon.

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The M\*A\*S\*H\* episode dealing with conversion day has been mentioned before in the Gram. Who originated the idea for the episode?

Answer next time.

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OK, the gramsters know the Levant States, how about the Maghreb States? No fair, checking on the Internet.

Ken Berger

[I think this is a great question. I made my guess then did a little research to find I was wrong. - Ed]

ANSWER:

I think the Maghreb States are the North African Mediterranean countries. Didn't check the Internet!

Steve Jinks

ANSWER:

Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia.

Bill Myers

Both answers are correct and I would ask Ken to tell us where the name originated. [BTW - my guess was Yugoslavia; I was close, just on the wrong side of the Mediterranean - Ed.]

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We would like to offer our thanks and appreciation to Ed Hoffman who has made a generous offer in conjunction with our features on counterfeit



MPC. Please see his letter in Mail Call. Bidding starts today and runs until the end of the month. All bids should be emailed directly to Ed (edhoffman36@frontier.net) who will keep the tally and supply updates to the Gram on the 11th, 18th and 25th of October. If there are any questions, please ask/answer them via the Gram so everyone interested has the same information. I'll also ask Doug if scans can be posted on the website.

The counterfeit MPC discussion again points out the amount of knowledge out there in "Gram-land" This leads me into another plug asking for feature articles or military numismatic stories that I am sure would be of interest to all of us. I try to put out the Gram Monday through Friday but it gets a little difficult if there are no messages in the mailbox.

Lastly, Fred had a concern that Gram 1719 did not get out to all subscribers as he did not receive his copy. As far as I know, it was sent to the entire subscriber list, so if someone has not received it let me know and I'll re-send it as needed.

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Dear Editor,  
In regard to counterfeit MPC, I have a 661 \$10. I think what I would like to do with it, is to offer it for sale via the Gram like an auction, run the ad from 1 to 31 October and sell it to highest bidder by 31 October with the funds going to the Military Numismatic Scholarship Fund.

The MPC 661 \$10 is Serial Number B03313735B Position #15 printed on thin white paper. Blue planchets are just blue ink dots, and there are only a couple of pink dots. A circulated note in Fine condition. There are a couple of ink dates and initials on reverse, 12 June 69 and 18 June 69, and D184767 A10 GE initials on bottom border. I can try to provide more detailed info if someone has a specific question (e.g. Joe Boling??)  
Ed Hoffman

Dear Editor,  
Since they stopped using series 641 MPC in October 68, how would someone be passing a counterfeit 641 \$10 in May of 1969 for any purchase??  
Larry Gibbs

Dear Editor,  
The comment about Ralph Benson was a tiny bit amusing since the counterfeiting of North Vietnamese currency was known by several names, including "Benson silk." One wonders if the same Mr. Benson was somehow involved.  
Herb Friedman

Dear Editor,

The John Pettit website at [www.JohnPettit.com](http://www.JohnPettit.com) has some great notes that will be of interest to Gramsters. I have signed up to receive emails from him when he has pieces of interest to me. The military is at: [http://www.johnpettit.com/rsubprod1\\_2x.asp?AT=WorldOther&CAT2=WMilitary&q2=&dateRange=&page=&intGroup=](http://www.johnpettit.com/rsubprod1_2x.asp?AT=WorldOther&CAT2=WMilitary&q2=&dateRange=&page=&intGroup=) but I found some in other areas too so look through his entire inventory.

The Master Sergeant Daniel

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Paper Money Guaranty will begin using Schwan Numbers for Military Payment Certificates starting on October 1, 2008. The numbers are from Fred Schwans recent fourth edition of his book Comprehensive Catalog of Military Payment Certificates. The PMG population report will also be updated to Schwan numbers, incorporating all the varieties of Military Payment Certificates available to collectors.

Military Payment Certificates (MPC) are now considered an extension of the paper money issued by the United States. They feature attractive designs and vignettes, and bright colors that appeal to collectors decades after their issue. That they were used by soldiers in exotic places only adds to the joy in collecting these.

The above story and more information including images of MPC and of holders with Schwan numbers.

<http://www.pmgnotes.com/news/viewarticle.aspx?IDArticle=1108>

TWIRR

by Fred Schwan

Another week has gone by. How can it be? I have some interesting things to cover, but the breaking news on PMG attributing MPC by variety requires comment. First and foremost, I think that this is a good thing. There have been many comments here in the Gram about third party grading and possibly this will start them again. Personally, I am a bit indifferent about the grading services. Nonetheless, I think that attributing MPC by printing is a very good idea. First, it helps spread the word about collecting MPC this way. Secondly, on a longer term PMG will publish population reports by variety. The most obvious thing that many people would look for there is distribution by printing by uncirculated grade. That does not excite me. I figure that there might well be unexpected research conclusions when the data accumulates.

Now that I have carried on about this announcement, I must point out how it came about. The idea was not mine, it was not even Glen Jorde of PMG (or anyone else there). It was the idea of Dick Balbaton (often called Mr. Doric in the Gram).

Dick wrote to me about a year go suggesting that we should push for the adoption of variety attribution by the grading service. (Both Dick and the grading services call this variety attribution using Schwan numbers. I do not like calling it this because it sounds more than a little vain by me, but as a matter of practicality they are the same thing.) I tried to get Dick to push for this via the Gram and possibly by direct lobby with the services, but he (to the best of my knowledge) did not do that. Still, he did push me.

With Dicks inspiration, at the Baltimore ANA convention, I brought the idea up with Glen Jorde of PMG. He liked the idea immediately. He followed up on the idea and brought it about.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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The M\*A\*S\*H\* episode dealing with conversion day has been mention before in the Gram. Who originated the idea for the episode?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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ANSWER:

This is a shot in the dark, but how about Radar (Gary Burghoff?) I think he was a collector.

Steve Jinks

ANSWER:

Answer I will guess Harry Morgan.

Bill Myers

Both answers, while good guesses, are incorrect. Hint: it was not a cast or crew member - Ed.

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EDITORIAL

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The article from the PMG website as reported above are a Gram exclusive. We have it here first and I would imagine reports of describing MPC varieties by the use of Schwan numbers will appear in hobby publications in the near future.

Despite having heard MPC described as "funny money", I have never considered it to be so, even prior to collecting it. It was our medium of exchange, our currency, and was always an "extension of the paper money issued by the United States". The fact that MPC is listed in Pick in the General Issues catalogs bears that out. I also think Fred is correct in saying the discussion of slabbed notes and third party grading may again find its way into discussion here in the Gram. I hope it does. Notes should be in holders, not slabs, by that is only my opinion. The opportunity for research and study and the identification of varieties are good things and will attract more collectors to MPC, and part of that credit will go to PMG, but a significant part should also go to those who have collected and researched MPC these past years and were a big part of "putting it on the map"

Finally, the acknowledgments section of The Comprehensive Catalog of Military Payment Certificates lists many contributors, but Fred is the author, so what else should the numbering system be besides Schwan numbers?

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Dear Editor,

In regard to counterfeit MPC, I have a 661 \$10. I think what I would like to do with it, is to offer it for sale via the Gram like an auction, run the ad from 1 to 31 October and sell it to highest bidder by 31 October with the funds going to the Military Numismatic Scholarship Fund.

The MPC 661 \$10 is Serial Number B03313735B Position #15 printed on thin white paper. Blue planchetts are just blue ink dots, and there are only a couple of pink dots. A circulated note in Fine condition. There are a couple of ink dates and initials on reverse, 12 June 69 and 18 June 69, and D184767 A10 GE initials on bottom border. I can try to provide more detailed info if someone has a specific question (e.g. Joe Boling??)  
Ed Hoffman  
[SEND BIDS TO: edhoffman36@frontiernet.net]

Dear Gram,  
Ed Hoffman's plan to sell a counterfeit MPC 661 \$10 for the benefit of the scholarship fund is VERY generous indeed. It is an interesting note and a worthy activity. We should bid liberally and in addition to other things, we might set a record for a counterfeit MPC.  
Fred Schwan

Dear Editor,  
Maghreb means place of sunset (i.e. western); Levant means place of sunrise (i.e. sunrise).  
It pays to be a geography professor. :-)  
Ken Berger

[The following is in response to Howard Daniel's letter regarding the John Pettit website from the previous Gram - Ed.]

Dear Editor,  
I went there. Here's a tip for everybody for long, long URLs. Select and copy the link then go to [www.tinyurl.com](http://www.tinyurl.com) and make a tiny URL!!! Here's what happens: The following URL:

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has a length of 102 characters and resulted in the following TinyURL which has a length of 25 characters:  
<http://tinyurl.com/3eg3ky>  
Stersource@aol.com

Dear Editor,  
Maghreb is the Arabic name for NW Africa and Spain (when the latter was occupied by the Moors). Sometimes Libya is included.  
Joe Boling

Dear Editor,  
Here's a great show to list in the MPCgram: Northwest Coin Club's 75th Annual Money Show March 20, 21, 22, 2009 Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center MN  
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[The show has been added to the calendar - Ed.]

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ALICEVILLE POW MUSEUM  
By Bill Myers

Heading northwest of Tuscaloosa , Alabama youll come to the small town of Aliceville . On Route 17, next to the Dollar Store, is the Aliceville Museum . It resides in an old Coca-Cola Bottling Company plant and has the original bottling equipment on display.

The museum might be of interest to the readers of the Gram in that Aliceville was the home of one of the largest World War II POW camps in the United States. It was built at the cost of \$2 million dollars and housed up to 6,100 prisoners. On June 2, 1943 soldiers from Rommels Afrika Korps arrived in Aliceville. They were of all ranks initially, but later the camp was converted to an officers/NCOs facility only.

The museum contained some artistic items from the Aliceville POW camp (drawings, paintings, wood working items) as well as from other POW camps (art work from Ft Benning, GA). I did not, however, see any trench art. There also were a large number of WW II items that have been donated by former prisoners and guards as well as other soldiers who served in WW II. These included uniforms, badges, manuals, guns and daggers from that era (Allied and Axis). There were plenty of photos of camp life including activities such as woodworking, printing, brick-making, gardening, theatre and book binding.

Numismatically, there were very few items. There was a picture frame of notes taken from a POW that included a 1 reichsmark, 50 reichsmark and 100 reichsmark notes, as well as Allied Military Currency and 10 marks.

The latter notes make me doubt it came from a POW. There was a German coin in a holder. I could not see the denomination or date but it was a zinc coin. There was a copy of a check given to a Bruno Schneider for \$204.40, which was his pay upon release from the camp. He made 80 cents a day. There was a notebook of German stamps and a display of POW postcards and letters. I did not see any POW money from Aliceville displayed, and when I inquired about it, the young volunteer had no idea what I was talking about. I do not have my references available to check if any were issued. Soldiers did work in the community and were paid. They were given half their pay and the other half was saved until they were released, so I assume that camp money does exist.

In the courtyard there are three sculptures that were made by POWs in the camp. One is of two German soldiers and a boy, another is a soldier holding on to a man (wounded?) while facing a woman and the last is a reclining nude female. This was the only area the museum allowed pictures to be taken.

There were two other sections within the museum. One was dedicated to general WWI and WWII history and the other to the history of the town of Aliceville. Numismatically, there was a short snorter on display. I could also see a \$1US silver certificate, a 1943 100 lire AMC and an AM mark, of which I could not see the denomination, a 50 francs AMC and a 1 shilling BMA. There was also a notebook full of WWII rationing items.

The actual camp has been torn down. Next to the current football stadium, off of Route 17 a few miles south of town, is the Sue Stabler Park dedicated to the POW camp. The only remnant of the camp is a fireplace/chimney. On the bricks on the back of the fireplace, stones were embedded in the cement that read E?b??t v. Griffin 1943. I assume that was left by the man who built it.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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For what two countries was Foreign Training Money printed, and as a bonus, in what denominations?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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The M\*A\*S\*H\* episode dealing with conversion day has been mention before in the Gram. Who originated the idea for the episode?

ANSWER:

This is a shot in the dark, but how about Radar (Gary Burghoff?) I think he was a collector.  
Steve Jinks

ANSWER:  
Answer I will guess Harry Morgan.  
Bill Myers

Both answers, while good guesses, are incorrect. Hint: it was not a cast or crew member - Ed.

ANSWER:  
Answer I will try Fred Schwan.  
Bill Myers

ANSWER:  
Edd Page suggested the story line.  
Frank Clark

Frank Clark has it right. According to the MPC Book (page 185), the idea for the episode and the certificates to be copied were supplied by Edd Page, an avid MPC collector. Perhaps Fred can give us additional details.

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EDITORIAL

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Two references to the Aliceville Camp were found. The first is in Remembered on page 414 in the US Camp money section and it describes POW Canteen and POW Camp Canteen chits in denominations of 1, 2, 5 and 10 cents. One issue is undated and two others are dated 7/31/45 and 9/30/45.

What is interesting about the last two is that they are both dated after Germany surrendered and the last dated after Japan surrendered.

The other reference was found in PRISONER OF WAR AND CONCENTRATION CAMP MONEY of the 20th CENTURY, by Lance Campbell (2nd Edition, 1993). The same information is reported (page 170) but with the colors of the chits added as follows:

Type One - POW Canteen - 10 cents=blue

Type Two - POW Camp Canteen - 1 cent=yellow; 2 cents=blue; 5 cents=orange and 10 cents=pink. In addition, Campbell shows a black and white picture of a 5 cent chit.

The pricing in Remembered for new "common types" ranges from thirty to fifty dollars, with the two cent chit commanding the higher price. Campbell values all Aliceville UNC chits at thirty dollars.

Now I was going to ask if anyone out there might have any or all of these, then I caught myself and I think I'll just ask Larry for his comments.

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Dear Editor,

Website addresses - John Pettit Rare Banknotes OK, OK, you want the the URL direct to the section, that's a bit longer, but Gram readers can just input [www.johnpettit.com](http://www.johnpettit.com) and that will go straight to the site. However I will be advising our IT guru who happens to be Peter Symes of IBNS presidency and will advise his comments. Please note that the IBNS Australian convention is taking place 1/2 November in Perth. Come back to me or organiser Brent Arthurson for further details.

Tony James

Sydney Australia

Dear Editor,

In a previous email response, I wrote "Maghreb means place of sunset (i.e. western); Levant means place of sunrise (i.e. sunrise). It pays to be a geography professor."

I'm glad I'm not an English professor! It should have said ... Levant means place of sunrise (i.e. eastern).

Ken Berger

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Exhibits, Heritage Auction  
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TWIRR #17  
by Fred Schwan

The October 20 Coin World had a great article by Cindy Brake on the designer of the Elgin Centennial commemorative half dollar. Yawn you say. I could have agreed with you but Cindy has written about MPC in CW. The sculptor in question is Trygve Rovelstad. Fortunately Cindy included photos of a wide variety of Rovelstads work. What caught my eye was nice color images of the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, and Womens Army Corps Service Medal. It turns out that Rovelstad was the creator of these well-known World War II items.

It gets better. Rovelstad was the first medalist sculptor for the War Department during the war. In that capacity he created the above medals, the Combat Infantryman Badge and likely many other items.

This is all very interesting to me. I am putting some information about Rovelstad in the US medal section of the book, but I still have many questions. Here are a few:

If Rovelstad was the first War Department sculptor, have there been others? Is there one now?

Rovelstad certainly was a great sculptor. At various places he is described as sculptor of these medals and other places as designer. Sometimes these two functions are done by one person. Other times not.

Not mentioned is the WWII Victory Medal. Did Rovelstad create it?

The article and photo also show a medal with a portrait of Pershing described as the Army of Occupation of Germany medal. The medal has a portrait of General Pershing. I did not recognize the medal and was suspicious (I should not have been) that Cindy may have made a mistake. I did however think that because of the Pershing portrait that it seemed like a WWI issue.

I did some Googling and found that Wikipedia had some good discussions and not only clarified the situation, but broadened my knowledge on the subject considerably. The text below is a edited version of the Wikipedia discussion. My comments are in [ ].

The Army of Occupation of Germany Medal with the Pershing portrait was not created until an act of the United States Congress on November 21, 1941. The medal recognizes those members of the U.S. military who served in the European occupation force following the close of the First World War.

The medal is retroactive by design and is awarded to any service member who performed occupation garrison duty in either Germany, or the former Austria-Hungary, between the dates of November 12, 1918 and July 11, 1923. The medal was primarily created due to the rising tension with Germany, between 1939 and 1941, and also as a means to honor the World War I service of General of the Armies John J. Pershing, whose likeness



appears on the actual medal. Initially the blue edge stripe was wavy, to signify the Rhine River, but that proved impractical to mass produce and was changed to a straight line. [This explanation and the date probably qualify this medal for inclusion in Rem II, comments?]

The first Army of Occupation of Germany Medal was presented to General of the Armies Pershing with retroactive presentations made to any service member upon application to the United States War Department. Ironically, less than three weeks after the medal was first authorized, the United States was attacked at Pearl Harbor which led to another full-scale war with Germany, now allied with Japan.

The Army of Occupation of Germany Medal is a separate award from the Army of Occupation Medal which was created in 1946 for post World War II occupation duty.

The Army of Occupation Medal is a military decoration of the United States military which was established by the United States War Department in 1946. The medal was created in the aftermath of the Second World War to recognize those who had performed occupation service in either Germany or Japan. The original Army of Occupation Medal was intended only for members of the United States Army, but was expanded in 1948 to encompass the United States Air Force shortly after that service's creation. The U.S. Navy and Marine equivalent of the Army of Occupation Medal was known as the Navy Occupation Service Medal.

To be awarded the Army of Occupation Medal, a service member was required to have performed at least thirty consecutive days of military duty within a designated geographical area of military occupation. The Army of Occupation Medal was presented with a campaign clasp, denoting either European or Asian service, depending on the region in which occupation service had been performed.

The following geographical regions qualified for one of two campaign clasps authorized to the Army of Occupation Medal.

#### Clasps

- Germany (May 9, 1945 to May 5, 1955)
- Austria (May 9, 1945 to July 7, 1955)
- Italy (May 9, 1945 to September 15, 1947)
- West Berlin (May 9, 1945 to October 3, 1990)

Because of the legal status of West Berlin, as an occupied territory until the unification of Germany, the Army of Occupation Medal was issued for forty five years making it one of the longest active military awards of both the Second World War and the Cold War.

I did not know (or did not remember) that there were clasps for the WWII medal. I might have known that there was a Berlin clasp (reminds me of the "B" on currency reform of 1948 notes). Certainly I did not know about the Italy and Austria clasps. I must admit that I am surprised about the Italy clasps considering the co-belligerent status that Italy received late in the war.

My guess is that Rovelstad did not create the Victory or Occupation medals. If that is the case, it likely means that he had left his employment at the War Department before the end of the war.

I think that this is all cool stuff even though I do not really collect the medals and certainly some (many?) questions remain.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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National and Local Governments issued service medals for WW II service.  
Name three more issuing entities.

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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David Seelye

Answer:  
Germany: 1, 5, 10, 50 pfennig, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 marks  
France: 50, 100, 500, 1000, 5000, 10,000 francs  
Bill Myers

Both answers are correct and can be found in the MPC Book. I'll wager  
David may have one or two of the notes available - Ed.

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EDITORIAL

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A while back in the Gram there was a discussion on the legality of  
collecting/possessing military medals and decorations by persons who did  
not actually earn them, or have them left to them by family members. My  
recollection is that the discussion was started by a question pertaining  
to the Medal of Honor. It would seem to me that there is a difference  
between awards for bravery (Navy Cross, Silver Star, Purple Heart) and,  
for lack of a better term, participation awards. Certainly occupation  
medals fall into the latter category since you just had to be there.  
I like the idea of expanding the Awards/Decorations section in the next  
edition of Remembered. As to Fred's question about the Pershing Medal  
being included, my opinion is that it should and not only for the reason  
Fred gave but for the fact that it set a precedent for the occupation  
medals issued post WW II.

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Dear Editor,

The eBay auction of pogs, minifest and ANA banquet notes was a huge success. After eBay expenses, \$295.15 was raised for the Military Numismatic Scholarship Fund. A big thank you to the people who donated the items, the under-bidders who forced the winning bidders to bid higher, and the winning bidders who were:

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Just a reminder, if you host a mini-fest send a few of the leftover sets to me and I will get them in another eBay auction.

Thanks again,

Dan Freeland

[The names of new contributors have been added to the Donor's List]

Dear Editor,

I have a question concerning the WWII Remembered listing of Italy's Emergency Circulating Checks. I just picked up a 100 Lire check on the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro with branch number (36) Gorizia. It is the Type 9 for this bank. This branch isn't shown in the current listings. What would the SB# be for this branch?

Thanks, Ron Waddell

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Series 9, No 1729 Monday, October 13th, 2008  
Happy Columbus Day

Aviation and Military Museum of Louisiana,  
By Bill Myers

In Monroe, LA at Selman Field you'll find the Aviation and Military Museum of Louisiana. It has displays ranging from early flight to space flight.

There were a significant number of WWII related exhibits with a variety of items. There was a decent display on rationing during WWII and a 6th War Loan poster. There were a lot of uniforms and general military items, including a POW identification tag from Stalag Luft 1.

Numismatically, there were a variety of notes from WWII as well as information on the history of the short snorter with about a 16-note short snorter hanging next to it. There was also an area with a few foreign WWII coins (1935 5 reichsmark and some Vichy coins), as well as two chits from an Army Exchange Bar. There was a 2 francs chit from sector 133 and a 3 francs from the St. Victoret Staging Area. Joe Boling thought these may be from WW I, but they were in a WW II exhibit at the museum. There were a variety of Chinese, Japanese and JIM notes in multiple exhibits. Many had signatures on them. There were some Italian notes including Allied Military lire. General Claire Lee Chennault had sent notes home and the notes and a letter dated 23 July 1945 are on display. At the end, there were even POGs in an exhibit about the war in Iraq.

Elsewhere in the museum, I learned that Delta Airlines originated there at Selman Field when a crop dusting operation bought planes to transport passengers. The airline was named for the Mississippi delta, where the original routes were.

The hours of the museum are Mon-Fri 0900-1630 and Sat & Sun 1300-1630. Admission is free. It was an interesting museum and was easy to reach, just off I-20 so it would be worth a visit if you are in the area.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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Bernhard counterfeits were produced in what denominations?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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National and Local Governments issued service medals for WW II service.  
Name three more issuing entities.

ANSWER:

National organizations (United Nations, NATO), Groups of Forces  
(Multinational Forces, Inter-American Defense Board), Committees  
(Committee for Free India)  
Bill Myers

Bill is correct in what he says. When I looked in Remembered and found the information for this question, the fact that the Navajo Nation issued issued a "War Service Medal with bars "Combat Service" and "Overseas Service" caught my attention. I would think part of the reason for the creation of this award was to honor the contributions of the Navajo Code Talkers. A Google search found a couple of sights with an image of the medal - Ed.

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EDITORIAL

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Read down to the Wanted Section as Harold Kroll has put in a request. Just before that you will see the information for Ed Hoffman's auction of a \$10 Counterfeit for Series 661.

The PCDA Saint Louis show is coming up this weekend (see the calendar for the details). This has been a November show in the past and took place at the hotel next to the airport. This year there is a new location, in Saint Charles, and the show is now in October. I have attended this show for the past couple or three years and it has been a good opportunity to get some notes to fill in the blank spaces in the album as a number of World Paper Money dealers attend. This year, for a number of reasons, I cannot attend and would hope that one of our Festers/Gramsters could provide us with a numismatic report. I'm sure those who do not attend would like some information regarding the venue and the transportation to and from the airport. Lyn Knight is the auctioneer for the show and has a few pieces of MPC replacements available.

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Dear Editor,  
About the "Berlin clasp" - read it again. "The following geographical regions qualified for one of two campaign clasps authorized to the Army

of Occupation Medal." The two clasps were "Germany" and "Japan." For the Navy medal, they were "Europe" and "Asia." No matter where you served in occupied Europe, if you were a dog-face you got the "Germany" clasp.

Referring to Roger's comment on "participation" medals, medals are divided between decorations and service medals (also called campaign medals). In many other countries, you also have orders. We have only one order, the Legion of Merit, but since US citizens can get only the lowest (Legionnaire) class of that order, it is treated as a decoration for US holders. Foreign holders can get classes like Officer and Commander (depends on how much we're trying to kiss ass).

In reply to Ron Waddeell, the SB number for a 100 lire note on Gorizia in type 9 of the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro will be SB4642. We need the date on the check, please.

Joe Boling

Dear Editor,

I went to: <http://www.foxfall.com/fmc-wwiiv.htm> and found that The World War II Victory Medal was designed by Thomas Hudson Jones (1892-1969). and at <http://www.foxfall.com/csm-army-aom.htm> I found The Army of Occupation Medal was designed by Thomas Hudson Jones (1892-1969). The site <http://www.foxfall.com> gives a lot of info on medals.

Bill Myers

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Ed Hoffman



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Collector Profile  
by Fred Schwan and MS

I recently met a collector via the Internet (actually eBay). We chatted back and forth a bit and I asked him to describe his collecting interests. He did that over two emails. Here is what he said:

Yes, I already get the MPCGram, and I have been using your book since it was published. I have been collecting WW2 notes for about 16 or 17 years now and unfortunately do not seem to be able to keep to just one subject and collect just about everything. I do have a fairly nice collection of British POW notes, but if I am honest I would also have to say I have a fairly nice general collection. Probably about 12 or more full albums worth, including some fairly common issues, but also one or two which are not.

Truth is, it seems to be spiraling out of control a bit, and if my wife ever realised that the main part of our pension plan is probably based on the collection I would be in big trouble.

I remember up until when I first received your book, I thought I had a fairly good collection, but then seeing the size of it, and first flicking through and seeing all those types of WW2 issues I'd never even heard of, filled me almost with horror at the thought of what I would need to do to have a "good" collection. Since then I have many times tried to restrict myself to just one field or another, but when I see something offered I haven't seen before.....and especially with eBay. I'm afraid my competitive nature often takes over. Anyway I guess I'll just keep on collecting for a while yet, and will certainly keep an eye on what you're offering.

If ever you are ever here I am sure you would enjoy browsing through my collection and I would certainly be more than happy to show it to you. I've often thought that it's a shame it is not known in the 'collecting world', and apart from a few dealers from both sides of the pond, who may realise that I am a 'serious' collector because of just one or two purchases I've made with them, nobody knows about it - that may seem a little pompous, as I'm sure it's not that good or that large a collection

compared with others, but I'm proud of it. As for coming to one of the shows in the US, I would love to, but I'm always working.

I have however visited the US on several occasions as my father-in-law worked for 5 or 6 years in Ohio and we took the opportunity to visit on a fortnight holiday [sorry...I mean vacation] whilst having the first week in New York, San Francisco and one of two other places. Great country, lovely people (maybe a few too many guns but that's another issue) and I always love visiting, but I think my dear beloved would find it odd me wanting to spend a couple of days looking at, and talking about, banknotes.

I did receive your message about the missing note and look forward to receiving it (I did reply but was signed in with my other eBay name at the time so you may not have realised who it was from - computers get confusing). I will pay for it soon but am hoping also to owe you for one or two others after the weekend so may as well wait and do it in one go - but we shall see, if you get this in time don't forget the bon de solidarite if you get time.

Also, if you don't mind me asking. I have noticed a few German notes recently on eBay with various hand-stamps purporting to be from the SS and other military units. I don't know if you have a view, but I have become a bit wary because obviously someone could easily make a stamp and put it onto the note today, making a comparatively worthless note much more interesting. One reason I am suspicious is that often the same seller have several of these issues. What do you think? I did, many years ago by a group of three Reichsbank notes with hand-stamps of a simple swastika in a circle. I've never thought of it until now, but I'm even wondering about them now.

Regards  
Mick

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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There are two denominations of notes from WWII issued by a unit known as the "KKKK". What is the name of the issuer, where were the notes issued and what were the denominations.

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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Bernhard counterfeits were produced in what denominations?

ANSWER:

Answer: 5, 10, 20, 50 pounds.

Bill Myers

ANSWER:

I believe Bernhard notes were made in 5, 10, 20 and 50-pound denominations.

Neil Shafer

Both Neil and Bill have it right.

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EDITORIAL  
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It sounds like Mick has quite a nice collection, twelve albums full. As far as the over-stamped Reichsbank notes go, I have seen a few with over-stamps that were applied post WWII. There are also notes with stamps from various Army units which may have been made as souvenirs, similar to "short snorters". Other comments on this would be welcome.

I think the concept of collector profiles is a good one. It gives us all a chance to introduce ourselves to our fellow collectors and share our collection interests. When we get together at Fests and shows for meetings, the first order of business is introductions. These are by necessity short to include a name, a hometown and a collecting interest. A Gram profile offers an opportunity to expand on those introductions and to find others who have special collecting interests similar to your own. You might also find out that you have other things in common.

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I would like to thank Joe for the SB# for the Gorizia check. The date of the check is 11 September 1944.

Take Care,

Ron Waddell

Dear Editor,

Come on, Harold - position numbers, not block numbers. As hard as it was to get people to stop calling JIM blocks "plate" numbers, we don't call ALL numbers blocks.

As long as you are pleading for final pieces, I will mention that I am now lacking only two to complete my position 8 set - series 461 \$10 and 541 \$10 (hear that, Ski?). I recently bought a 461 50c on eBay (have not seen it yet - maybe it will be waiting for me when I get home from the ANA board meeting, where I am this week).

Joe Boling

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Maastricht Show Update Plus,  
by Jos F.M.Eijsermans

I read the MPCgram on a regular basis... quite a bit of info being shared. Great job! Today I have 3 matters to bring to your attention...

1: The date for the by know well known PaperMoneyFair-Maastricht 2009 in the Netherlands has been announced as being the first week-end of April 2009.. April (3)-4-5... Those who come for the first time are amazed... Those who have been there want to come again.. !! In case you want to come... you have a lot of time to prepare...

2: Knowing that many of you are interested in more military items than "just" MPC... I picked up an item that may (or may not?) interest one or more of you... I got a small 128 page booklet being a "GERMAN Phrase Book" dated "November 30, 1943... Restricted TM 30-606" on the cover.. issued by the War Dept in Washington. For use in Germany by American military personnel during and after WWII, used, complete apart from one last (but blank) page.. On the previous page is complete "Z" of the alphabetical listing... see? I really have no idea if this is rare or not! Anybody out there interested? It is nothing for my collection.. You can make me an offer (I cannot refuse),

3: I also picked up a rifle that may interest one or more of you... some of you may collect guns and rifles as well I guess, but this one goes back a long time before WWII. I already sent the same info/question to an info-e-mail-address on a web-site for gun collectors but I never got a response (2 weeks ago). How unbelievable it may sound, I picked up (at a small monthly local coin show) a Sharps Riffle. A very very unusual find in this part of the world! It was part of a lot of replica/decoration weapons but this one was the only real item! I checked the internet and learned a lot about the Sharp's rifles so far. On the rifle I can read: "C.Sharps Pat Oct 5th 1852 and: R.S.Lawrence PA April 12 1859". No other text or number not even after close examination! 21-22 inch barrel. The simple military version: no extra's such as metal decos, not the sharp

shooters version extra's either. Nice condition of the wood, traces of handling, original patina

on metal. The ONLY minus I can see is, that according to local law, very strict on arms, the nearest end of barrel has been filled up with lead. But that can be removed by a skilled craftsman! Lead melts before steel! I also learned that these rifles can be worth "a few bucks." I would need some advice how to proceed with this item. Is there anyone of you out there who can be of assistance? Any suggestions and help are appreciated. I want to sell it if possible.

Kind regards,  
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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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For a type set of Emergency Currency Issues of the United States for WW2, how many notes and in what denominations would be needed to complete the set.

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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There are two denominations of notes from WWII issued by a unit known as the "KKKK". What is the name of the issuer, where were the notes issued and what were the denominations.

ANSWER:

Championship Corner I think I've come across these, but am not, and have decided if I simply looked it up it would defeat the object. After all I could have answered your question about Bernhard notes by simply looking in my own collection. So the best I can do is guess that KKKK was a Philippines Guerilla unit of some kind, but not be willing to guess at any other information.

Mick Scrimshaw

ANSWER:

About the question, KKKK stands for Katipunan sa Kaluwasan Sang Ka-anakan Sang Kapupud-an (The Army of the Free People), the guerrilla organization from the Province of Masbate organized in 1942, fighting the Japanese during World War II. Denominations were only the undated 50 centavos and 1 peso with the title LOOSE CHANGE. Dangerous copies have rather

recently surfaced so be very careful when purchasing these now. A dealer named Andre Helfer used to offer these regularly, and always in high grade, but notes from him are genuine even though in such high grade. I have an example used as a short snorter also, the only one I know of.  
Neil Shafer

ANSWER:

"Katipunan Sa Kaluwasan Sang Ka-anakan " which can be translated as "Association for Freedom of the Children of the Archipelago" or "Freedom League of the Children of the Archipelago" or various other possibilities. 50 centavos & 1 Peso. Issued during WWII in the Philippines. Finally, and not to belabor a point, in recent years a number of these notes have suddenly appeared on ebay in CU condition. They were originally being sold by an individual in the Philippines with a very questionable reputation. Unfortunately, they have now entered the general collecting community. So, unless you can confirm the provenance of one of these notes going back a good number of years, I would be VERY hesitant in purchasing one in CU condition.  
Ken Berger

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EDITORIAL  
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Questions for the Championship Questions Corner have always been taken from either Remembered or the MPC Book up to now. I must apologize for using a new reference, Neil Shapfer's book on Philippine Emergency and Guerilla Currency for the latest question. Despite my skullduggery, we have correct answers as noted above. Ken Berger and Mike Skrimshaw got it right and I would have been shocked if Neil didn't get the right answer.  
Pay attention, as we may just sneak in other reference books just to keep the questions challenging.

Today's feature by Jos. Eijsermans (of Maastircht Show fame) speaks not only of numismatics, but of firearms and dovetails with comments made previously by Mike Skrimshaw and Paul Walters in his letter below. The Gram is concerned with military numismatics, but Paul makes a good point about the "M" in MPC referring to Military. We are aware of Gramsters who collect firearms and other military items (patches, uniforms, etc), but I think we should concentrate our discussions to currency as the main focus and leave the other military related items to peripheral discussions.  
Opinions and comments are, of course, always welcome.

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Dear Editor,

I read with great interest collector profile letter from Mick in the MPCgram 1730. Not meaning to offend anyone, but I had to laugh just a little at his comments about our country having too many guns. Doesn't

the military (that stands for the "M" in MPC) use guns as it's most basic fighting tool? We wouldn't be collecting MPC without first having the guns! Second to banknotes, can you guess what is next on my collecting list? I will close with the words of one of my heroes, the late Charlton Heston..."From my cold dead hands!!!"

Happy Collecting

Paul Walters

Landrum, S.C

Dear Editor,

I have moved back to mainland for awaile. Please reestablish my MPCGram at this address james.ann.aitken@comcast.net

Thanks You,

Jim

[Dear Jim, We have re-established your subscription and are a little curious. Where did you live before "moving back to the mainland?" - Ed.]

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The MPC 661 \$10 is Serial Number B03313735B Position #15 printed on thin white paper. Blue planchets are just blue ink dots, and there are only a couple of pink dots. A circulated note in Fine condition. There are a couple of ink dates and initials on reverse, 12 June 69 and 18 June 69, and D184767 A10 GE initials on bottom border. I can try to provide more detailed info if someone has a specific question (e.g. Joe Boling??)

Ed Hoffman

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Prefer nice clean notes no damage for exhibiting purposes.

681 \$10.00 #'s 8, 24, 39, 44

681 \$20.00 #'s 3, 31, 49, 50

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TWIRR #18

Free French War Finance Issues  
by Fred Schwan

I was in Colorado recently where Judy and I visited Judys sister. While there the strap on my back pack broke and my laptop took a pretty big hit. It worked for another day then quit. I cannot be sure that it was the drop, but in any event it was dead.

I immediately went looking for a replacement. A Mac of course. Perhaps I told the story in the past of how I selected the one that I had. It was the big-decked out Mac Powerbook. When I was shopping for that one, Joe Boling was scheduled to visit within a few days. I picked out one of the just release powerbooks. Apple had just released their monster Powerbook

with a 17 inch screen. Although I liked it, I decided that the computer was too big to be my laptop. Instead I selected the 15 model that had also just been released. After I picked it out in the store, I left so that I could figure out how to pay for it.

I went back a few days later on the day before Joe was to arrive. I had a credit card in hand with enough room to take home the new computer. Well, the salesman told me that they did not have any of the 15 inch models--they were flying out the doors. Since Joe was arriving the next day and I needed another computer so that we both would have one, I asked if they had any of the 17 inch models. He said, yes; I said wrap it up.

As soon as I got it home, I was delighted with my lucky choice. I was able to display two pages side by side while I worked on the book of the moment.

Well, in Colorado, I had a similar choice/dilemma. After the above experience, I was inclined to get the large screen again. However, there had been one technological advance since the first purchase that had a role. Since flat screen monitors are now available at reasonable prices, the new option was to put one of those monitors on my desk and carry a smaller computer around.

I was torn over this decision. Then the salesman told me that they did not have any of the 17 inch Powerbooks on hand! I considered it fate and bought the 1.33 inch Mac book (not technically a Powerbook at all). We were able to move all of the files to the computer. I should have mentioned that first as the most important thing of all. I am still working out a few growing pains. From doing the changeover, I can report that I have over 50,000 scanned images on the computer. I am having a few problems with the images and the way that they are linked to the various book layouts, but I believe that I will have that worked out in a few days.

As if by fate, I had just recently started working on the books from external flash drives rather than the computer hard drive at all. It really must have been fate. That idea alone helped my state of mind through this ordeal. Now I have purchased a flat monitor to put on my desk. I might get it set up tonight.

I guess that the numismatic connection of the above story is that Remembered and MPC books are created on this computer. Ah, actually, the better connection follows.

While digging around in my office to make space for the monitor and even for the laptop and other accessories that I just had to buy, I found a document that I have had since the middle 1970s when we were working on Schwan/Boling I (trivia question for the contest: what was the title of SBI?).

We will come back to the document in a minute. In the middle 1970s I was heavily researching French issues of WWII. I was especially interested in Free French issues. Hopefully, most of you know of the so called Marianne issues for the Free French. These issues also have the famous phoenix rising vignette on the 1000 franc denomination.

When I learned the Edmund Dulac created these designs, I wound up reading two (at least) books about Dulac and somewhere about that time I learned about the Free French stamps that were created at the same time. That sent me looking for information on the stamps and for the stamps themselves. If you look in SBI and II you will see a few illustrations of

the Free French stamps as supplemental illustrations for several colonies. Many of these stamps were also designed by Edmund Dulac. All of this work was great fun.

Eventually, I borrowed a book from that American Philatelic Society library. The name of the book is: Free French Stamps Catalogue and Guide. The book, pamphlet really (64 page) was published in 1945.

I would up with a photocopy of the pamphlet. I do not remember if the APS library made it for me or I made it. I am inclined to think that the library did, because it was nicely done.

Over the years whenever I attended a stamp show, I looked for a copy of this pamphlet. Also over those years the pamphlet got lost in my papers. Lost that is until last week when it bubbled to the top. Here is where it gets a little murky. I believe that I have also tried to borrow the pamphlet from the APS over the years, but was left believing that they no longer had their copy.

What a difference 30 years can make! I was very pleased to see my old friend the pamphlet. Here is the best part. Within the first 12 seconds of looking at it, I found listings for a Cameroun special fund (see below) issue for raising funds to buy aircraft for the Free French air force! Furthermore, the stamps are overprinted SPITFIRE! Wow. This is a financing the war issue! Although I had gone through the pamphlet many times in the 1970s, I had never noticed this spitfire issue. It boils down to the fact that I was not even remotely interested in such issues for SBI. Remember, even US Defense and War bonds were not listed in SBI. There are a few other Special Fund issues relating to the war, but none as directly as the SPITFIRE issues. I better be careful about this after what happened to me in the past. My current and cursory study of the pamphlet is that the SPITFIRE is the most directly interesting issue. One of the big developments since 1978 for research is the Internet. As I mentioned, I have looked for copies of the pamphlet over the years. I had hoped (and hope) that there were subsequent editions. Now, with the Internet, I had a much better opportunity to research the matter.

First, let me give you some more information. The full title inside is F - L Stamp Companys Free French Stamps Catalogue and Guide. As I said, it was published in 1945. It was published by F - L Stamp Company (101 West 85th Street, New York 24, NY). No author is prominently displayed. Now with new interest, I studied and found that the author was H. A. Fraenkel.

There are two other interesting things relating to the publishing (as opposed to being about the stamps). The following notice is listed many times in the pamphlet: New Listings And Price Changes in the F - L LEAFLETS. This seemed like the kind of approach that I would take even today--calling a price list relating to WWII a leaflet. It also seemed to me that it was likely that we could even find some of these leaflets in groups/collections of philatelic literature.

The other item is a notice on the back page that a specialized album would be printed as soon as possible. Leaflets, possible subsequent editions, and an album. I should be able to find some of those.

Wrong. Zip. I found nada on any of these things with google searches. I could not even find the 1945 edition or anything on H. A. Fraenkel! I hope that this will inspire some computer hounds to take on the task and find some of these things.

Being really frustrated, I went to the APS website and found the pamphlet. I mentioned above that I had not been able to find it again



even at the APS. Assuming that they do still have Fraenkel, it is possible that in the years before computers that I did not ask the right questions.

This brings up the next part of the saga. In looking at the APS web site I found that the APS has quite liberal policies about borrowing. It even allows nonmembers to borrow materials. I plan to borrow it, but I want to work up a comprehensive list of materials to borrow before I send in the request. I may instead take a trip to State College, PA to research all of the various WWII issues. Ski went to Penn State so perhaps I can hold off and we can do an alumnus field research trip after the Fest.

Of course I used the Internet to try to find other sources of information including stamp dealers who might have some of the stamps. Of course I was able to find some of the more common issues on various price lists etc.

I went to the local library to study the Scott stamp catalog. Wow. I have not looked at one of these catalogs in many (MANY) years. I was not surprised to see that it has expanded to many volumes, but I was rather amazed to see the many thousands of color illustrations. They are quite good. The editors have also used an innovative technique to photograph overprints. The basic stamp is sort of out of focus and the overprint is bold. It is very nice.

I had to smile when studying the book including France. Basically, the French colonies are included after the listings for metropolitan France. No problem there since that is the basic organization that we use for Remembered. What made me smile was that not all of the colonies are included this way. I do not know if we made any mistakes like that, but our organization, does present some problems for users.

As I expected, the listings were too brief for my needs. Many overprints were included, but many were not. That sent me looking for specialized French catalogs. I found that there are two that are commonly used and that should be of use to my research. After a few hours of trying, I found that I could not find a copy of either catalog to purchase here in the US. That frustration furthered my desire to go to State College. I have one final point to share. In addition to the colonial Free French issues, that is issues for specific colonies, the pamphlet lists some general issues that are parallel to some of the general French note issues. Specifically, they are France d'Outre-Mer/Comite Franais de la Liberation Nationale. I had not noticed these in the 1970s. I am looking for them you can be sure.

These are listed as special fund issues as are the SPITFIRE issues above. Special fund issues are described in the fore matter as only part of the face-value to be used for payment of postage, while the other part of the amount at which the stamps were for sale at the post-offices (mostly to be recognized through the sign +) is for a special non-postal purpose. I believe that in philately today we call these issues semi-postals. This calls for some more analysis. The SPITFIRE stamps are denominated 25 through 70 cents. The additional spitfire is 5 francs per stamp. That is a huge difference and probably creates some really rare stamps. I could be wrong, but the two stamps that I found for sale now are priced at over \$100 each. Heck, in 1945 the catalog price on each of the stamps is \$35--quite an impressive 1945 price.

Well that is about it for now. I would love to have some comments on content and style.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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Submitted by Fred in his TWIRR:

What was the title of Schwan/Boling I?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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For a type set of Emergency Currency Issues of the United States for WW2, how many notes and in what denominations would be needed to complete the set.

ANSWER:

WWII emergency notes by type (ignoring variations in series, such as 1934 and 1934A):

Hawaii brown seals, \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20

North Africa yellow seals, \$1, \$5, \$10

Federal Reserve Bank Notes (also brown seals), \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100

Thus, twelve types.

Joe Boling

ANSWER:

North Africa \$1,5,10 Hawaii \$1,5,10,20. 7 notes not counting different series, 10 notes if you do. If you consider MPC (including A yen) to be emergency money then the numbers increase significantly. You asked for notes but the steel cents and silver 5 cents are emergency currency as well.

Bill Myers

ANSWER:

Interesting question taking some thought. However, I believe there is some ambiguity. Please define "Emergency Currency Issues". I suspect you are not considering POW or club chits. Also, "for WW2" as opposed to "as a result of WW2" Perhaps inclusive dates are in order.

Warner Talso

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EDITORIAL

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To begin with, the Emergency Currency Question was specific in that it asked for notes and denominations. Had we not asked for notes, Bill's answer would have been the most complete since it mentioned the steel cents and the silver nickels. Bill had the number of notes correct.

Warner asks for clarification, but I think the question is simple enough. "As a result" and "for" in this context, at least to my mind, are the same. Joe mentions \$50 and \$100 denominations. I can find no reference to them. According to Hessler/Chambliss, and Friedberg, there are seven notes. The Hawaii dollar is a silver certificate and the rest are FRNs, while the North Africa notes are all silver certificates.

Secondly, I would really like to see examples of the "SPITFIRE" overprints that Fred mentioned. They would be great additions to the philatelic supplement to the next edition of Remembered. Anyone out there have copies? And more importantly, are any duplicates available for sale?

Next I would like to let everyone know about the Spink/Smythe auction set for 6 November. It includes a number of pieces of MPC, MPC replacements, some specimen booklets and other interesting items. Go to their website and start with lot 446.

Lastly, this coming Monday and Tuesday, 27 and 28 October, Bowers and Merena will auction the Eduard Kann collection of Chinese banknotes. This is a fantastic collection and there are quite a few lots, among them a number of Japanese puppet bank issues and Military notes. More on this early next week.

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Mail Call: Send mail to mpcgram@yahoo.com  
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Dear Editor,  
Greetings. I found Jos' Sharp rifle tale very interesting indeed, added a little color so an occasional non-numis but interesting story is welcome. If the Gram ever gets to the level of including illustrations the cartoons of WW II.....was it Joe & ????????? might be nice. I think some Gramsters are knee deep into military histories and various other military collectables. I'm up to my neck in non-numis militaria.....and I don't even collect MPC.....but find it quite an interesting subject.  
Colin Bruce - alias Count Chur Monnaise (not mayonnaise)

Dear Editor,  
Aloha Jim,  
Glad to see you are back in the 48 states, but where exactly is my 541 position #22 \$5 residing now?  
Please give me a call with your new info, O.K?  
Steve Swoish  
P.S. Note to Editor: Jim has previously resided in a South Pacific island, no it is not Fiji.  
[I'm sure Steve knows that we now have fifty states and his reference to 48 means the mainland - Still, we I don't know where Jim's prior residence was located - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

Some Gramsters are aware that new Auction 38D is now up on our webstie at rosenblumcoins.com/38D. Images for almost all lots can be seen by clicking on the word "image" after the description. The image will appear in a new window. The auction closes on November 13th, 2008.

As usual our sale contains a tremendous of amount of military related material from World War II. Almost all lots will be available for viewing at our Bourse Table at the Denver Coin Show October 30-November 2nd. Gramsters who would like a printed copy of the catalog please contact me at Bill@Rosenblumcoins.com

If you have any questions about the sale please contact me.

Thanks,

Bill Rosenblum

Dear Editor,

Interesting new item JEIA

Listed in: "Catalog of Airmail Labels" by Gunter Mair, Published by Postal label study Group of LA 1991.

# AOG-A-1. "The label was obligatory for Airmail between 1.5.48 and 19.10.48" and was issued under the authority of JEIA. "AOG"=Allied Occupation of Germany.

Cheers,

Harold Kroll

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SERIES 661 \$10.00 COUNTERFEIT - AUCTION - 1 OCT THROUGH 31 OCT, 2008

In regard to counterfeit MPC, I have a 661 \$10. I think what I would like to do with it, is to offer it for sale via the Gram like an auction, run the ad from 1 to 31 October and sell it to highest bidder by 31 October with the funds going to the Military Numismatic Scholarship Fund.

The MPC 661 \$10 is Serial Number B03313735B Position #15 printed on thin white paper. Blue planchets are just blue ink dots, and there are only a couple of pink dots. A circulated note in Fine condition. There are a couple of ink dates and initials on reverse, 12 June 69 and 18 June 69, and D184767 A10 GE initials on bottom border. I can try to provide more detailed info if someone has a specific question (e.g. Joe Boling??)

Ed Hoffman

[SEND BIDS TO: edhoffman36@frontiernet.net]

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I need the following 8 notes to complete positions number sets 681 \$10.00 and 681 \$20.00 in F/VF & up.

Prefer nice clean notes no damage for exhibiting purposes.

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Also looking for the same for 472 \$10.00 position numbers, 1, 5, 10, 26, 33, 36, 40, 41, 42, 43, 48, 49.

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Harold (mpckid@aol.com) Kroll

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October 31 - November 1 - [www.indianastatenumismatics.org](http://www.indianastatenumismatics.org)

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Michigan State Numismatics Society, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, MI

November 27(set-up) 28-30 - Exhibits and possible minifest

[www.michigancoinclub.org](http://www.michigancoinclub.org)

52nd Money Show of the Southwest, Houston, TX

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[texascoins@comcast.net](mailto:texascoins@comcast.net)- [www.houstoncoinshow.org](http://www.houstoncoinshow.org)

2009

New York Inc, Waldorf Astoria - admission charge

January 8(set-up) 9-11, 2009 - [www.nyinc.info](http://www.nyinc.info) - [kfoley2@wi.rr.com](mailto:kfoley2@wi.rr.com)

54th Annual FUN Convention, Orange County Convention Center, FL

January 8-11, 2009 - [dwellers@embarqmail.com](mailto: dwellers@embarqmail.com)- [www.funtopics.com](http://www.funtopics.com)

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ANA National Money Show, Portland, OR  
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The Mini-fest That Never Was,  
by Roger Urce

A couple of weeks ago, Fred called to ask if I was going to the Bowers and Merena auction of Chinese and Russian Banknotes scheduled for 27 and 28 October in New York City. I was not aware of the auction as I had not seen it advertised. I would be interested in viewing the lots as I collect Chinese banknotes, especially the Puppet Bank and Military issues.

Fred came up with the idea of taking Amtrak Lake Shore Special from Sandusky to NY City and meeting me where we could do some research on the notes and check for varieties, watermarks, etc. Fred would work out the train schedule and let me know. In the meantime, I went on-line and saw there were a number of lots of interest including not only Puppet Bank issues and Military issues from China, but also Japanese Bonds and Savings Stamps, Military scrip, Bank of Japan issues, Korea issues and some AMC.

Work was rescheduled and I had the train schedule to get me from Long Island to Manhattan. Then things started coming apart. Fred thought he might not make it, but still wanted me to go. Okay - I'll ask my wife to come along to help with the note-taking. That was fine until she wasn't able to go; then Fred called and said he wasn't coming at all. He was having problems with the Amtrak schedule. I reconciled myself to go alone and decided to call Bowers and Merena to confirm the schedule and view the lots. Turns out, there would be no viewing as the notes were not in New York (they had been available for viewing in Saint Louis at the PDCA show) and would not arrive until today and the Chinese part of the auction was scheduled to begin at 10 AM. I asked for a catalog and was told one would be sent by Express Mail to arrive on Sunday. My choice was to go in and bid in person or to place my bids via the Internet. When Sunday night came and I had not received the catalog, I decided to place my bids on-line and hope for the best. As of this time (1700 Monday) only one of my bids is still winning. By the way, the catalog arrived at 1600. The illustrations are

good, but, according to Joe Boling, many of the descriptions of the Japanese notes are not.

Editor's Note: See Joel Shafer's letter in Mail Call with details of Lyn Knight's Internet sale which closes on Wednesday.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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What were Fushun Colliery scrip and where were they used?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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Submitted by Fred in his TWIRR:

What was the title of Schwan/Boling I?

ANSWER:  
The Schwan Boling book referred to in Fred's article is World War II Military Currency. It's sitting somewhere in my library or more likely somewhere in the 50+ cartons of books and catalogs that remain unopened from our move 14 months ago.  
Bill Rosenblum

ANSWER:  
SB1 was titled WWII Military Currency, dated 1978.  
Ron Waddell

ANSWER:  
World War II Military Currency.  
Bill & Kathy Myers

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EDITORIAL  
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I'm going to repeat Joe Boling's answer to the Emergency Currency question:



WWII emergency notes by type (ignoring variations in series, such as 1934 and 1934A):

Hawaii brown seals, \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20

North Africa yellow seals, \$1, \$5, \$10

Federal Reserve Bank Notes (also brown seals), \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100

Thus, twelve types.

In my comments on the submitted answers I said I found no reference to 50 or 100 dollar notes. I had checked Chambliss/Hessler and Friedberg and other references and found the Federal Reserve Bank Notes (FRBNs) were printed during FDR's first term in 1933 and were modeled after National Bank Notes which also had brown seals. Joe rarely (never?) responds to the Championship questions. He must be correct, I later thought, but was at a loss to see how until I got a call from Fred. At the end of the conversation, Fred explained that in some literature provided him and Joe by Peter Huntoon, there was documentation confirming the FRBNs were printed/issued to correct a paper money shortage. Today I spoke with Joe and he provided the same explanation and further stated the FRBNs were not issued for the same purpose as the Hawaii and North Africa notes (easily demonetized in the event of enemy capture) but to provided currency in a shortage. I was also

made aware that this information would be a part of Remembered 2. So, the correct answer to the question is indeed twelve.

Incidentally, Joe told me he only responded because no one else, save himself, Fred and Peter Huntoon knew the whole story.

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Mail Call: Send mail to mpcgram@yahoo.com  
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Dear Editor,

Wanted to mention that LKCA World Paper Money has an Internet sale ending this Wednesday, October 29 at 10:00 PM Eastern. Our website is [www.lkcaworldpapermoney.com](http://www.lkcaworldpapermoney.com) Among several items that should be of interest to Gram readers is a very nice run of WWII Italian circulating checks, many unlisted. We also offer two Djibouti pieces made in Palestine, three different French AMC replacements, a scarce German AMC 1/2 Mark replacement, three nice Marianne notes from Martinique, a solid run of United States POW chits, and much more.

The cold months are coming-stay warm by checking out some nice notes!

We will have a floor sale in Kansas in December, where there will be items of interest. More to follow.

Joel Shafer

Dear Editor,

Federal Reserve Bank Notes, in denominations of \$5-\$100, not Federal Reserve Notes. FRBNs are a different class of paper currency, issued by the Federal Reserve banks themselves as a form of National Currency (they say National Currency on them). They are series 1929 and were prepared over a period of mere days during the bank holiday in 1933. They turned out to be superfluous at that time, and most were stored until after Pearl Harbor, when they were pushed into circulation to augment the money

supply as the war cranked up. They will be treated in SB-2. They qualify as emergency currency of WWII.  
Joe Boling

Dear Editor,  
What about the Boise, Idaho, one cent paper token? I could call that a note.  
Warner Talso  
[I guess we could call it a note, but it looks more like a stamp - Ed.]

Dear Editor,  
Since you have not had the pleasure to know Jim Atkins, he has been in Honolulu, Hawaii for many years now. I am hoping that he came back to the 48 to finally attend a Fest! At least I hope he will be able to fit it in his agenda. How about it Jim? "The Fest of the Decade" or "Fest of FruXition", (what do you think Fred?) will be the Fest Remembered. Ten years after Harold's "Let's do it!" I have had the honor to attend 6 of these events so far & after every year, I just cannot wait until the next. I have made so many wonderful friends, met some terrific people, learned more than I have ever thought I would, & we have SOOOOO much fun! Jim, ya gotta do it! It's like collecting, once you have one, you got to have more.  
Steve Swoish

Dear Editor,  
Please add me to your list. I am very interested in the MPC series and POGS of more recent times. Thanks  
Dennis Mallen

Dear Editor,  
I have tried to subscribe the MPC Gram for a while. How do I subscribe and what is the fee amount? Thanks.  
Yei-Shong Shieh

[Dear Dennis and Yei-Shong. Welcome; your subscriptions have been entered and you will start receiving the Gram with this issue. We have a special subscription rate - FREE - Ed.]

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681 \$20.00 #'s 3, 31, 49, 50

Also looking for the same for 472 \$10.00 position numbers, 1, 5, 10, 26, 33, 36, 40, 41, 42, 43, 48, 49.

Have other MPC, foreign, lotterie tickets and many other various items for trade or outright purchase.

Harold (mpckid@aol.com) Kroll

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US Government Checks,  
by Jim Downey

After the United States entered World War II, the designation for United States savings bonds was changed from Defense Savings Bonds to War Savings Bonds. This has been well-documented and results in two distinct types of bonds available for collectors. This change in designation for the bond program resulted in a very subtle change in another numismatic item from the period United States government checks.

United States government checks from the World War II era are rather plain and uninspiring. They have a printed title of Treasurer of the United States at the top. Above that is the location and date of issue. The issuing agency is on the left (usually War Finance for military related checks) above a large Treasury seal. Below the seal is a place for identifying the object for which the check was drawn but this is rarely filled in.

The checks are printed on watermarked paper. Two watermarks have been observed US Check and USTD Check. The under-print on the face is a repeated circular/triangular design with the word Treasury and a monogram of US that looks like the dollar sign. The under-print on the back contains the repeated words US Government Check. The under-print ink is



water soluble and subject to fading. It is sometimes difficult to detect on checks that have been exposed to the elements.

The government began using IBM data cards printed on card stock as check forms in 1944. The change was not universal and both types of paper were used until after the end of the war. The IBM cards have the same under-print but are unwatermarked.

The change related to the war bond program is on the back of the plain paper checks. In addition to the under-print, the back of the checks contains instructions for endorsing and paying of the check. The minuteman symbol of the savings bond program was added to the back of the checks.

Until recently, the only savings bond imprint I had observed was for the War Savings Bond program. The text reads: For Victory Buy United States War Bonds and Stamps. I recently came across a check written in August 1942 with a different slogan for the Defense Bond program. It reads: For Defense Buy United States Savings Bonds and Stamps.

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What were Fushun Colliery scrip and where were they used?

ANSWER:

I am going to have to guess this one and say that they were tokens used to pay coal miners in Fushun City in Manchuria.

Bill Myers

Bill came up with a very good guess. The scrip is described in SB on page 675 as "marked as meal chits, though they also carry a cash equivalent denomination." The coal mine was operated by the South Manchuria Railroad - Ed.

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EDITORIAL

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Ed Hoffman reminds us of the closing date for the counterfeit Series 661 \$10 MPC note in a letter below. As of now the high bid, received at 1242 hrs PST today is \$80 in FRNs. If you collect counterfeits, or have an interest, consider bidding on this note. Remember Ed has donated the note to the Gram auction and proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

Whitman publishing is sponsoring a show in Baltimore in November (see the calendar for details) which I will be attending. David Seelye will have a table and I'm confident there will be something of interest for Gramsters at the show. If you are in the area consider attending as I have been told the show is the size of the recent ANA show. If you are looking to share a room, let us know.

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Dear Editor,  
Just a reminder: bids on the 661 \$10 closes midnight the 31st. Jos Eijsermans has an interest in this item. He may be interested in bidding, but I do not have a scan to send him.  
Happy Halloween,  
Ed Hoffman

Dear Editor,  
Thanks for the subscription.  
Yei-Shong Shieh

Dear Editor,  
I am almost ready to check out of my hotel; the Holiday Inn - Silom, in Bangkok and head for the airport. This hotel is an excellent choice here and I also earn airline mileage like when I attend the Fest. While here, I handed over my collection (not dupes) of WWII and prior Thai notes to Mr. Lee. While typing up the inventory, I noticed one of the notes; a 1 Baht WWII period Pick-55A note has some graffiti on the back. It has "Major Lloyd Jayamanda, October 1945" and "Bangkok" written on it, and it was repeated in Thai. This is a Thai Army officer's name and I will some day do some research about him. When I gave my notes to Mr. Lee, I explained that if he did not want it or have a buyer for this note, I would take it back and find a home for it in a WWII collector's collection. He said he could likely sell it but if not, I could pick it up when I came back in a month to accept payment for my collection. Mr. Lee's store is the premier dealership in

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The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Editor,

Looks like Fred & Joe are expanding our WWII collection requirements by about 43 notes and mucho money (depending on how serious you are about completeness). Learn something new every day. I'm sure this requirement will send the value of these notes out the roof. Thanks to the Gram, we are getting in before the mad rush.

Ron Waddell

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This information comes to us from Ed Hoffman who has donated the note  
with the proceeds of the auction going to the Scholarship Fund.

Ed is a regular contributor donating notes and other items for the Fest  
auctions and it has caused me to wonder if he has a challenge coin,  
which, as we know is awarded, among other things, for doing a good deed.  
My best information is that he does not have one and in light of the 661  
note, he has earned it. To that end, one is on the way to his Nevada  
address.

Fred remarked that he has known Ed for forty years, and, while I can't  
claim to have know him for tha length of time, I can say we have done  
business with him for ten years at least. Fred lamented that despite  
numerous invitations Ed has yet to attend a Fest claiming he does not  
like to travel in cold weather. Well this year's Fest - Number Ten -  
will be toward the end of April and it should be downright balmy on the  
lake. Ed is of course invited and to help him make up his mind to come  
and in recognition of all the donations and good deeds, we are proud to  
announce that Ed Hoffman is the recipient on the first FEST SCHOLARSHIP.  
This is a newly created award given in recognition of faithful service to

Military Numismatics. Included are all Fest expenses, all Ed has to do is get there. (It's only about 1900 miles) So what about it Ed, can I put you down as attending?

One more reminder: the auction closes at midnight tonight PST, so get those last minute bids in. Ed will announce the results tomorrow and they will go out in a special Saturday Gram along with Fred's most recent TWIRR.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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On what numismatic piece does Maharaja Umaid Singh appear.  
HINT: It's not from Ireland.

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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Bougainville was a hotly contested battle site during WW II. How did the island get it's name?

ANSWER:  
It was named for Louis Antoine de Bougainville, French Navigator  
1729 - 1811.  
Frank Clark

ANSWER:  
The island was named after French explorer Louis-Antoine de Bougainville who visited the island in 1768.  
Bill Myers

ANSWER:  
Was it named for the flower (bougainvillea)?  
Steve Jinks  
[Steve is on the right track; see Ken Berger's answer below - Ed.]

ANSWER:  
The islands & the flower were both named after Louis-Antoine, Comte de Bougainville.  
Ken Berger

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EDITORIAL  
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We have received some positive feedback reference the Championship Question Corner. This comes not only from those who answer the questions

(thanks Bill and Kathy Myers and others) but from other readers of the Gram. The questions have been taken from Remembered and the MPC book and in one recent case Neil's book on Guerrilla money. I'd like to expand the base from which I take the questions to include Silent Witness, the Pick volumes and current numismatic publications such as Bank Note Reporter and Numismatic News. I might even sneak in another source occasionally. The questions will still deal with topics related to Military Numismatics. The whole idea is to expand our knowledge and to impart some interesting information and to have a little fun. If you like the idea please let us know, and if you don't, let us know that also.

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Listed in: Catalog of Airmail Labels" by Gunter Mair, Published by Postal label study Group of LA 1991. # AOG-A-1. "The label was obligatory for Airmail between 1.5.48 and 19.10.48" and was issued under the authority of JEIA. "AOG"=Allied Occupation of Germany.  
Interesting new item JEIA.  
Cheers,  
Harold "MPC Kid" Kroll

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SERIES 661 \$10.00 COUNTERFEIT - AUCTION - 1 OCT THROUGH 31 OCT, 2008

In regard to counterfeit MPC, I have a 661 \$10. I think what I would like to do with it, is to offer it for sale via the Gram like an auction, run the ad from 1 to 31 October and sell it to highest bidder by 31 October with the funds going to the Military Numismatic Scholarship Fund.

The MPC 661 \$10 is Serial Number B03313735B Position #15 printed on thin white paper. Blue planchets are just blue ink dots, and there are only a couple of pink dots. A circulated note in Fine condition. There are a couple of ink dates and initials on reverse, 12 June 69 and 18 June 69, and D184767 A10 GE initials on bottom border. I can try to provide more detailed info if someone has a specific question (e.g. Joe Boling??)  
Ed Hoffman  
[SEND BIDS TO: edhoffman36@frontiernet.net]

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TWIRR #19,  
by Fred Schwan

We Must Have Change!

With the election at hand, I can tell you that we must have change. We cannot continue the way that it has been. The war in Iraq, the economy, taxes and many other things have had a major impact, yet we struggle along. New technology has had a big impact, yet we struggle along. We must have change. There is only one ticket that can guarantee you the change that we must have. I urge you to go to the polls and I ask you for your vote.

If you will do what I ask, I guarantee you the change that you crave. Under this plan that I am proposing, your collection will grow. If you have an MPC collection, you can keep it. If you do not have one you can start one like mine. If you have a starter set, it will fill. If you have a complete regular issue set, you will receive replacements. If you have replacements you will find more. The junk boxes and bid boards will again overflow with replacements, sleepers, and varieties.

I have a simple plan. We will build from the top down and the bottom up. While we fill in your MPC collection using revenue from taxing coin collectors, we will also start thousands of new collections by paying tax refunds and incentives in MPC. The collections will blossom. The value of

your collection will skyrocket because of all of the new demand. Loans can be made backed by your collection and new war bonds can be created backed by the MPC mortgage collections. This is a beautiful plan. As my running mate I have chosen Joe. He is new to politics, but he has proven himself in many ways. "Joe the Boling" and I can lead you to the promised land. Vote for candidates of experience, those who know the military numismatic hobby, candidates who are mavericks and who broke all the hobby rules by pushing the limits of all publishing rules by writing weird books like World War Two Military currency and World War 2 Remembered.

Yes, I promise that if you elect us, we will finish a second edition of World War II Remembered during our first term. You will not need to toil with the same edition that you have in the past eight years. No more first edition.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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Besides Germany where else were "Winterhifswerk" notes issued?  
And, while we're at it, what were the denominations?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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On what numismatic piece does Maharaja Umaid Singh appear?  
HINT: It's not from Ireland.

ANSWER:  
Victory Medal with his left facing portrait on obverse and inscription V.E. May 8 V.J. AUG 15 1945. The medal was an issue of the Indian Princely State of Jodhpur.  
Bill Myers  
P.S., I think it would be interesting to expand the scope of the championship questions.

Bill is correct - see Remembered page 231. The medal is a nice one; who has the one pictured in the book? - Ed.

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EDITORIAL  
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VOTE!!! - It is our duty to support Fred and Joe and to help them overcome the odds. We must do all in our power to make sure these two icons of Military Numismatics are swept into office with a landslide victory. No obstacle is too great, no polls should deter us from our goal to elect the two candidates best suited for the job. Experience

counts and who better to choose but "Joe the Boling" and Fred. Who would not want a better MPC collection? How long can we wait for the next edition of Remembered? Aren't we tired of opening up that old first edition with its dog eared pages and split binding? Aren't you tired of the SOS (er - status quo)? Don't wait, make your plans to vote early and often. Tell your family, tell your friends, get those names off the tombstones! The polls are open from now until we have enough votes to get Fred and Joe elected.

[This is "Rog the Electrician" and I approve this editorial]

Wheat her your States are red, blue, green, purple, orange or any other color, it is our duty to vote.

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Dear Editor,

Had bids from six Gramsters for the counterfeit MPC 661 \$10. High bid was \$235.00 submitted by David E Seelye at 5:22 PM on 31 OCT 2008.

Ed Hoffman

[Thanks again to Ed Hoffman for his donation of the Series 661 counterfeit \$10 MPC note and thanks also goes to David Seelye for submitting the winning bid. Their generosity is appreciated - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

I am over here in Saigon right now working on getting my SRVN catalog printed but I am also staying in touch via email and telephone. I just received the latest email from Noble in Australia and their Sale 89 on November 25-28 has a TON of WWII, Military and other pieces important to Gramsters! Their website for this sale is at:

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The Master Sergeant Daniel in Viet Nam

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Editor's Note:

In Gram 1562, 20 July 2007, Jim Downey reported on World War II Emergency Currency which included not only Hawaii overprints and North Africa yellow seals, but Federal Reserve Bank Notes. We have reprinted part of that report below. To see the entire report go to:  
<http://www.papermoneyworld.net/grams/1500-1599/MPCGram%201562.htm>

More On FRBNs,  
by Jim Downey

A Bureau report from 1946 indicates that in fiscal year 1943 (July 1, 1942-June 30, 1943) \$450,800,000.00 in Federal Reserve Bank Notes was delivered to the Federal Reserve for circulation. Federal Reserve Bank Notes (FRBN) are different from Federal Reserve Notes (FRN). FRBN were first issued as large size notes in 1914. The small size FRBN were printed in 1933 and 1934. These were printed and issued as a result of the Bank Holiday of 1933. The Federal Reserve needed to get currency into the banking system quickly. FRBN were printed on unfinished stock of sheets for National Currency Notes and are titled "National Currency" at the top.

They have brown seals like Nationals but carry the identification of the Federal Reserve Banks and signatures of officers of the branches of the Federal Reserve Banks.

The FRBN notes that were released in 1943 were notes that had been printed for the 1933 banking emergency but were unissued during this time because the crisis passed and these notes were excess. They remained at the BEP awaiting further order for their disposition.

The BEP documents indicate that these notes were delivered to the Federal Reserve because of the urgent need for new currency and to conserve labor and materials. This suggests that they would not have been otherwise issued except for the exigency of the wartime circumstances.

This information on these notes is only now coming to light. At this point it is unknown whether there are records of the serial numbers for the FRBN that were issued in 1943. It is very probable that these records exist. If so, it would be possible to distinguish between the notes issued

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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Besides Germany where else were "Winterhifswerk" notes issued?  
And, while we're at it, what were the denominations?

ANSWER:  
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I have a Winterhifswerk token denominated in 2 shillings.  
(I will vote for Fred and Joe the Boling.)  
Bill Myers

Bill's answer is correct but there is another country. And, where is the 2 shillings token from?

Answer next time.

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EDITORIAL  
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Numismatic, and sometimes philatelic items, dominate the Gram. There is no surprise there as we are all collectors of various type of military currency and a our primary focus is World War II. That is not to say there is no interest in other wars and their currency. I think the contrary is true. We have had features and letters from a number of different military conflicts.

But what about other war related topics? Many of us I am sure enjoy reading and watching movies. This brings me to the point: should we add a section for book and movie reviews into the Gram? These, of course, would be military titles. We could includede both historical and fictional works as long as they relate to the military. In an earlier Gram, Fred reported on reading about Merrill's Marauders. There was no real numismatic references in the book, but it was nonetheless an enjoyable read with a lot of information. There are many movies based on true wartime events. Fest movie night was a success (with a silent feature no less).

The section could be an occasional one, utilized when there is a review. I'll ask for comments and suggestions. Good idea/bad idea?

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Please advise.  
Warner Talso

Dear Editor,  
Regarding the Master Sergeant's alert about the Noble sale at the end of the month - all well and good, but look out if you try to bid in that sale. Their web site is screwed up. You click on the bid sheet, and it gives you a list of sales to choose from. The only one listed is the current sale, #89. Next page, you fill in your personal data. Third page, you start submitting bids - and lo, the lot description that comes up on the bid sheet is nothing like the lot you thought you were bidding on - because the lot descriptions are coming from their PREVIOUS sale, last July. They have not updated their links, and as soon as you click over to the page that has your personal data on it, if you look at the top, you will find that it is for the previous sale. No way to get a current page. I have alerted them. Don't submit any bids until the lot description that appears is the correct one.  
Joe Boling

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Reproduction Notes,  
by Jim Downey

I ran across an Ebay listing for a group of reproduction WWII notes.

Curiosity got the best of me and I hit the Buy-It-Now. The set consists of the following notes:

2x British Military Authority 5 shillings  
3x British Military Authority 10 shillings  
3x Bank of England 1 pound (Peppiat signature)  
2x Bank of England 10 pounds (1935)  
3x Supplemental Francs 100 franc (France back)  
2x Supplemental Francs 500 franc (Flag back)  
3x Allied Military Currency for Germany 50 marks (US print) 2x Allied  
Military Currency for Germany 100 marks (Russian print)  
2x US 1934 \$10.00 Silver Certificate  
2x US 1929 \$20.00 Federal Reserve Bank Note Check book from Woods & Co.  
London.

The notes are all poorly made copies. The images appear to have been taken from computer scans as they are flat and grainy. The resolution on the original images could not have been very good. Some of the notes used for the base images have staining and other defects that are evident in the images. The paper feels like cotton bond and is unwatermarked. The watermark on the 10 pound notes appears as an under print. The resolution is not good enough to determine whether the original note was a Bernhard forgery. The size of the paper for each note is consistent with original notes although the 50 mark was larger in size than the 100 mark. The notes with serial numbers have individual numbers. The numbers appear to be part of the image and were not applied separately from the rest of the note. A fairly decent job was done covering up the original serial numbers. An attempt was made to duplicate the font of the original serial numbers but they are not exact.

The choice of US notes is interesting. One would have expected yellow seals instead of regular issue notes. The checks are computer generated except for the English two pence revenue stamp which is a scanned image. The revenue stamp is also dated 1956 or 1966 which is the only historical anachronism I noticed in the notes. The notes are not going to fool a

collector because the print quality is so poor. They are good enough to use for reenactors for whom I believe they are intended.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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Where are the Andaman Islands and what, if anything, took place there during World War II?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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Besides Germany where else were "Winterhilfswerk" notes issued? And, while we're at it, what were the denominations?

ANSWER:

Poland 1,2,5,10,20 zloty,  
I have a Winterhilfswerk token denominated in 2 shillings.  
(I will vote for Fred and Joe the Boling.)  
Bill Myers

Bill's answer is correct but there is another country. And, where is the 2 shillings token from?

ANSWER:

Lithuania 0.10 reichsmarks of small metal products & 100 grams of sunflower oil. Netherlands 1/2, 1, 2 1/2 gulden  
The token I have has Winterhilfswerk Tirol with the German eagle and swastika in the middle and 2 S on the obverse. The reverse has a hand putting wheat into a bowl held by another hand over a swastika with Wir Helfen written around it.  
Bill Myers  
[Bill sent a nice scan of the token which he should also send to Fred for inclusion in the next edition of Remembered - Ed.]

ANSWER:

A form of Winterhilfswerk was also issued in the Netherlands and was called in Dutch Winterhulp. They were issued in denominations of , 1. And 2 Gulden. Belgium also issued Winterzorg which is possibly a winter relief type note similar to Winterhilfswerk. The 2 Schilling token is probably from Austria before the Anschluss.  
Dave Frank

ANSWER:

Re.Q Winterhilfswerk -- similar issues exist from the occupied Netherlands. If I find some time I will look into details.

Jos Eijserman

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EDITORIAL

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There were two responses to the book and movie revue suggestions. The first came from Dave Frank (see his letter in Mail Call) and the second came in a conversation with Fred. I like Dave's idea and instead of a regular section I would go with a feature or news article for submitted reviews. Fred is in basic agreement with the caveat that there be some reference to numismatics even if not are specifically mentioned in the book or movie. We must also be aware that not all books and movies are historically accurate and should limit the articles to those which are. What do you think?

Some housekeeping. My main computer (I'm using my old one at present - and it's a lot slower, and I can't print from it) is acting up again and sometimes I have trouble getting on the Internet and I'm not always sure I get all the emails sent to me either at the Gram or my personal address. As of this writing, I have an article from Jon Watta, which is tomorrow's feature, and a Mail Call item from Joe Boling. Other than that there is nothing pending publication, so if you sent something in and it has not been published it got lost in space as it were. So please send it in again.

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Dear Editor,

I just received an email from John Pettit in Australia. His military section at [http://www.johnpettit.com/rsubprod1\\_2x.asp?CAT=WorldOther&CAT2=WMilitary&q2=&dateRange=&page=&intGroup=has](http://www.johnpettit.com/rsubprod1_2x.asp?CAT=WorldOther&CAT2=WMilitary&q2=&dateRange=&page=&intGroup=has) 131 items and there are probably more of interest to Gramsters in other areas.

The Master Sergeant Daniel in Viet Nam

Dear Editor,

Can't find the additional info (entire report of Jim's) on the use of FRBN's. The link you have in the gram only gets a page with the gram. Any other suggestions?

Thanks,

Ron Waddell

[Ron, my reference was to the article Jim wrote. Sorry if I confused anyone. My purpose was to provide the link to the Gram article. - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

I think the book and movie review section is an excellent idea. I find lot of enjoyment and information about the wartime periods from reading books that I find at the library or at book fairs. St. Louis and I am sure most other cities have book fairs where used books can be obtained for anywhere from 25 cents to 10 dollars. I usually wind up with a shopping cart of World War II books for \$35. If there is interest I would be happy to submit a once a month review of a book, DVD or VHS tape to the Gram.  
Dave Frank

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USS Freedom,  
by John Watta

Im on Milwaukee s shore line looking at Lake Michigan and the temperature is in the 30s, a light rain mixed with snow is falling and Im sitting outside wearing a business suit and rain coat. I havent been this cold since I was in a fox hole on a hill in Korea with the 2d Infantry Division in December! The strange thing is that Im sitting with my wife and approximately 8,000 other folks to watch history being made.

Here, 1,000 miles from the ocean, the Navy is commissioning a new war ship. Not only is it a new ship, it is the first of a new class of ship. The ship, the USS Freedom is designated LCS1 (Littoral Combat Ship 1). The Freedom was built in Marinette , Wisconsin and has been undergoing shakedown sailing since it was launched on September 3, 2006. This is the first Navy ship commissioned in Milwaukee and the first ship commissioned in Wisconsin since WWII. The ship is 377-feet long, resembles a high-tech version of a Civil War era ironclad at least from the front. It is the first of the Navys new wave of ships designed to patrol close to shore the meaning of littoral. It will be used within 200 miles of shorelines to neutralize pirates, mines and other threats. Normally a ship this size would have a crew of about 200 but this ship will only have 40 crew members. There will be two crews assigned to the ship and they will alternate 4-month tours of

sea duty, rotating between Freedom and the base in San Diego . Instead of propellers it uses four water jets to move like a Jet Ski and can top out at 40 knots (rumor is that the ship can reach 80 knots with the peddle to the metal).

Among the speakers at the commissioning ceremony was Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy and Admiral Roughead Chief of Naval Operations. Also speaking was Mrs. Birgit Smith, the ships sponsor She is the widow of Army Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith who was awarded the first Medal of Honor in Operation Iraqi Freedom. She donated his St. Christopher medal and their wedding rings which were made into coins and placed under the ships mast. The ships motto is Fast, Focused, Fearless.

For me the most dramatic part of the commissioning was when the command, Man the ship and bring her to life! was given. As the band played the crew rushed onto the ship and turned on all the systems. Smoke belched

out of the stack, the horn and siren blew, the guns rotated and the Freedom was alive!

There were many souvenirs available but I managed to contain myself and only purchased one of the Commanding Officers Coins. This was the only numismatic item that I was able to find. As I waked away from the ceremony my fingers and toes were frozen but my heart and soul were warmed by being able to be a part of a historic military event.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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Where did Forces of The United States of Mexico reportedly see action in World War II?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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Where are the Andaman Islands and what, if anything, took place there during World War II?

ANSWER:

They are a group of islands that are west of Ceylon in the Bay of Bengal. Until 1938 it was a penal colony used by the British. The City of Port Blair had 300 Sikh militia and 23 British officers. In Jan 1942 it was reinforced by a Gurkha detachment. The British recognized it could not be defended so in March 1942 the troops were withdrawn. The Japanese staged air raids and then occupied the islands. There is a disputed cover from the Andaman Islands with a Chalo Delhi stamp.

Bill & Kathy Myers

ANSWER:

Off the top of my head, the islands are off the west coast of India and I suppose there was a fueling station or depot.

Steve Jinks

[Look under the listings for Ceylon in Remembered for more information on the Andaman Islands - Ed.]

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EDITORIAL  
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HAPPY VETERANS DAY

Each year on Veterans Day, the series number of the Gram increases by one.

We are now series 10. The idea for changing the series on this particular day belongs to Brad Peacock who suggested it to Fred. We think the choice of date is quite appropriate. In the past nine series, we have published 1739 Grams which averages out to a little over 193 Grams per year or a Gram about every other day. Thanks to our readers and contributors, we have achieved double digits.

I was first made aware of Veterans at a very young age. My father needed to renew his driver's license and off we went to the Motor Vehicle Bureau.

The renewal required a current photo and installed at the Motor Vehicle Office was a three shots for a quarter machine. I'm sure you know the type, you sit behind the curtain, look into the camera, drop in your quarter and in a minute or so, three bust shots drop out of the bottom. The photo had to be round to fit in its place on the license. We went over to a table that had a special punch which cut the photos exactly how they needed to be. Behind the table sat a man who was a little stooped over and looked very sad. My father cut his pictures and then put a couple of quarters into a small box on the table. I asked him why, since there was no sign that there was a charge to use the cutter. He told me the man was a Vet and that he had been hurt in the war. The incident has stuck with me since.

So to all you Veterans out there, thanks and "Welcome Home" and remember all those who didn't make it back.

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Dear Editor,  
Besides Germany where else were "Winterhifswerk" notes issued?  
And, while we're at it, what were the denominations?  
Interesting. I have a note over stamped "Ukraine".  
Warner Talso

Dear Editor,  
We Must Have Change!  
Regarding Fred's efforts to get us elected on a platform of CHANGE, I might as well let the Gramsters be the first to know that I intend to run for the ANA board again (as a governor). I think we who are now on the board can demonstrate that we did indeed bring change to the organization, but we also realize that we are not yet finished with the tasks that presented themselves when we entered office. You probably know that I will need at least five nominations from individual ANA members, and five nominations from ANA member clubs. The nomination forms are on the ANA website at:

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And if you are not yet an ANA member, please let me know what's holding you back?  
Joe Boling

Dear Editor,  
Like Joe, I intend to run again {for the ANA Board}. While I think we have accomplished a good deal in two years, there's still a lot to do before the "ship is completely righted" and I would like to see the task through to completion. Please follow the same procedure that Joe suggests for me as well. My mailing address is:  
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TWIRR #20

by Fred Schwan

A few weeks ago I wrote about my visit to the militaria store Overlord Shop in St. Louis, Missouri. You will recall I hope that it is a great place and I had a wonderful time. Well, I had many other adventures on that same trip.

Not too far from St. Louis, I stopped at a favorite antique mall. Not only do I not want to divulge its location for competitive reasons, I do not remember even approximately where it is. I know that when I drive along I70 and see it, I recognize it. Of course you can never tell what you might find in an antique mall, this particular mall has a both devoted to militaria. I always find stuff of interest even if I do not always buy anything.

Well, this time I spent \$7 and it was a great \$7. I am not sure if I had ever seen Our Navy magazine before, but I had never studied one before. I bought the First of July, 1944 issue and found it full of great numismatic information.

The first thing that I will mention is not numismatic, but it is nevertheless great collecting information. This magazine carried a full page column on philatelic cover and stamp collecting! I could (and can) not believe it. Amazing. The author was Marshall R. Hall; the name of the column Naval Cancel & Cachets. The basic theme of the column was distributing information about who was issuing what covers where and of course how readers could obtain the covers. This column alone is worth reading and following throughout the run of the magazine.

Some time ago we discussed the introduction of the bronze star medal during the war. I still have much to learn on this subject meaning that I have work and study to do. Well there is a wonderful item at the bottom of page 38 reporting the awarding of the FIRST four bronze stars!

Here is the report:

Four enlisted men who braved enemy fire to rescue wounded comrades at Empress Augusta Bay are the first recipients of the newly authorized Bronze Star Medals to be announced; the awards were made by Adm. Halsey. Reed B. Hogan, ChPhM; Charles E. Hart, PhMlc; Wesley S. Proctor, PhMlc; and Harry E. Reite, PhMlc, were promptly on the deck when a landing boat was hit by an enemy artillery shell that wounded several men during the initial stages of the landing at Bouganville on Nov. 1, 1943. Despite constant enemy fire the men made several trips through the fire to

assist the removal of the injured men to a place of safety where medical treatment could be administered. After the evacuation the Pharmacist's Mates proceeded to render medical aid to their wounded shipmates. Wow. The very first bronze stars. Of course it is uncertain if this was the first award of bronze stars by the Navy or overall, but it is nonetheless a wonderful reports. I have no idea if the orders and medals collectors know about this or not. A Google search might generate something. Just the page with the above report has many other reports of medal awards. I have not even studied this page in detail much less the rest of the magazine. Oh so much work to do. Searches of eBay since purchasing the magazine has revealed many copies of the magazine. While I am willing and able to buy and study these magazines, I would rather find someone else to do it. More next week.

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What position did former New York Governor Herbert H. Lehman hold?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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Where did Forces of The United States of Mexico reportedly see action in World War II?

ANSWER:  
Squadron 201 of the Mexican Air Force was sent to the Pacific and saw action in the Philippines and against Japanese held Formosa. There were 8 KIA. (WWIIR pg 332). Bill & Kathy Myers

ANSWER:  
Squadron 201 of the Mexican Air Force saw action in the Philippines and over Formosa.  
Frank Clark

[Page 332 of Remembered also mentions Mexican troops may have served with the Allies in Italy - Ed.]

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EDITORIAL  
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Look at the 2009 Calendar for some new additions.

First we have information on the April Maastricht show and Pam West has sent in some info on the October World Paper Money Fair in London. A couple of nice trips across the Atlantic if the Dollar gets a little bit ahead of the Euro. And speaking of shows, the Whitman Baltimore show is coming up next week and I'll be there with David Seelye to report on events and finds. I also plan to meet with Ray Czahor to look at some World War II era stamps. If anyone is planning on going to Baltimore I'm sure David will not mind if we used his table as a base of operations.

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by Bill Myers

The 11th printing of AAFES POGs has been released. If you go to [www.aafespogs.com](http://www.aafespogs.com) and click on the 11th printing you will be able to view them. It is different then the other printings in that each denomination has a with and without overprinted POG (OIF or OEF) so there are 13 POGS in each denomination and 39 in total for the printing. They are dated 2008. Of interest in this series is that there are 5 POGs that were the winners of the second photo contest selected from the 2,500 photos submitted. They are Baby Under Flag(11D51), Angel Pushing Wheelchair (11E101), Troop Praying(11H101), Boy Scouts (11C251), and Flags (11D251). There are 4 classic photos of troops including a bomber crew. Each denomination features a POG with a Marvel Comics character, She Hulk (11E51), Ironman (11K101) and Captain America (11B251). The denomination side for printings 2 to 10 has been the same with the exception of 5L101 which has Bassett printed on it. There are now two other exceptions as the denomination side of 11C251 is blue with a Taco Bell Express logo and 11D251 is red with a Pizza Hut Express logo. The 11th printing has 4 lenticular POGs. They only display 2 images when tilted unlike the 3 images on the lenticular POGs in the 10th printing. The images are Coast Guard boat and helicopter in action (11M51), Navy fleet moving through the ocean (11M101), C-130s deploying infrared counter measures and AAFES logo with We go where you go! (11L251 & 11M251). Animals are not neglected as



there are 2 POGs with dogs on them and one with a camel. The remainder of the POGs feature a variety of military scenes. Future printings will be dependent on the need, which in turn is based on the OPTEMPO of the Global War on Terrorism.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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During World War II the United States Government took over some of the facilities of what private corporation and how was that corporation reimbursed?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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What position did former New York Governor Herbert H. Lehman hold?

ANSWER:

Original Director General of the United Nations  
Bill & Kathy Myers

Bill and Kathy are close, but according to Remembered, Governor Lehman was the first director of the UNRRA, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. See Page 386.

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EDITORIAL

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The area of Remembered dealing with Japanese Bonds is both interesting and confusing, at least to me. Unlike Joe, I can't read or speak any Japanese, except maybe to order and Asahi, and I find it somewhat challenging to decipher the legends on bonds which are offered for sale. Joe did a nice job of translating and the pictures of course help. A big part of my problem is determining the value. The fact that the bond pictures, due to their size, are not on the same page with the listings doesn't help me either. In the next edition would it help us out if there were a legend page at the start of the Japanese section (how about China for that matter?) translating the number symbols and the issuing authority into English? I'm

sure there are technical and printing issues involved,  
but, in my case at least, it would make things so much  
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notify Herb Friedman of the "intelligence" book under  
General Literature, and many other books and maps for  
others interested in obtaining one-of-a-kind  
references about WWII! The catalog can be seen at  
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The Master Sergeant Daniel in Viet Nam

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Neil Shafer

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LTC Adna Wilde Passes Away,  
by Howard Daniel

I just received an email from ANA Headquarters that LTC Adna Wilde, US Army Retired, passed away on November 17. When Colonel Wilde and I discussed our military careers, we learned we had crossed paths several times in Europe and Viet Nam, but we never met or were introduced. Later, when I started visiting the ANA and attending its conventions, he would always be smiling and saying something nice to everyone, and unbelievably to me too! He was an officer and a gentleman from the old school, and his was The Citadel.

If possible for the next MPC Fest, and/or even the next Mini-Fest at the ANA Summer Seminars, I would like to see those designers of MFC come up with at least one denomination with Alda's picture on it....and Joan's too, if possible. Adna was one of the originators of the seminars, which have been an excellent venue for Fred's and Joe's classes. There is a condolence book available on-line at the ANA website at [www.money.org](http://www.money.org) for anyone who wants to sign it.

German Naval Tokens of World War I,  
by Jim Downey

Part One

This past week marked the 90th anniversary of the end of World War I. While the number of numismatic relics of this war is dwarfed by the number of items produced during World War II, the history of many of them are just as interesting. This article is the first of a two-part piece examining tokens issued for use on

German naval vessels during the World War I period.

The use of tokens on German vessels began around 1900.

They proliferated quickly and in 1909, the German Admiralty was compelled to issue orders limiting their use. Regular German currency was required for use in the ship canteens except that commanders of ships on overseas duty could authorize the use of tokens on ship while they were away from Germany . Upon return to Germany , the tokens were collected up and redeemed for German currency.

The use of tokens on overseas ships limited the amount of German currency and coin that a ship needed for overseas duty. It also limited the amount of money sailors could spend in foreign ports.

Tokens were also issued on German ships after World War I. The legend on the World War I-era tokens include SMS (Seine Majesties Schiff) in the title of the ships on the tokens. SMS is the German equivalent of the English HMS.

One of the more famous German ships of World War I was the cruiser SMS Knigsberg. The Knigsberg was assigned to German East Africa . At the start of the war, the Knigsberg and its collier, the SMS Somali, found themselves in the Indian Ocean . The Knigsbergs mission was to disrupt Allied shipping in the Indian Ocean . It performed this mission well carrying out several successful raids including the sinking of a British cruiser at Zanzibar .

Cut off from the supply base in Germany , the Knigsberg had to rely on coal from captured vessels as its fuel supply. Unfortunately, the captured coal was low grade and fouled the boilers. Captain Loof brought the Knigsberg into the Rufiji River delta in German East Africa to allow for repairs to be made. The river, however, was hundreds of miles from the German settlements at Tabora and Dar-es-salaam. The boilers were dismantled and carried overland through the jungle where they were repaired and returned to the ship.

With the engines repaired, the Knigsberg played a cat-and mouse game with the Allied ships that were searching for her. After several months (and with the assistance of spotters from the air), the Knigsberg was located. The draft of the river was too shallow for the initial ships the British brought in and the game continued. Finally, two monitors, the HMS Severn and the HMS Mersey, were brought in from Liverpool to locate and engage the Knigsberg. The monitors

combined to disable the Knigsberg.

All usable parts from the ship were salvaged by the Germans including its big guns. The surviving sailors and the Knigsberg guns found their way into the German army defending German East Africa under Colonel Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck. After the war, the Knigsbergs guns were taken by the English. One was placed outside the Government House in Nairobi, the other to South Africa . The hulk of the Knigsberg remained in the Rufiji in Tanzania until 1965.

Six different tokens were issued for use on the Knigsberg. All are brass. They were issued in denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 pfenning. All of the tokens are scarce.

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How many denominations of Danish encased postage stamps are there, and, just for grins, what are they?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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During World War II the United States Government took over some of the facilities of what private corporation and how was that corporation reimbursed?

ANSWER:

We are going to take a guess at this and say Montgomery Ward. FDR took it over in 1944. We would hope they were reimbursed with enlistments in the military but we really do not know.  
Bill & Kathy Myers

[Good guess, it was indeed Montgomery Ward. They were reimbursed with Special Representative of the Secretary of War Refund Checks. See Remembered page 396 - Ed.]

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The particular show escapes me right now, but it was

at the minifest of the show that LTC Wilde had for his show and tell a design for the reverse of the Colorado State Quarter. The design featured a US soldier and commemorated the Army's 10th Mountain Division. I thought it was a good design worthy of consideration. Howard is right in suggesting to honor him for his service not only to our hobby, but also to the Country, that the design can be made part of a future issue of MFC. I am also aware that the he was twice a student at Summer Seminar Military Class, in fact the only World War II veteran who has ever attended and that he was a collector of MPC and AMC, a collection which he brought back with him from Europe after the War.

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Dear Editor,  
I will be happy to send you my "Japanese Bonds for Dummies" cheat sheet. I, like you, were originally frustrated with trying to decipher what bond was what. Now however, I might not know the words, but I can interpret the denomination and release numbers on the fly for the most part, and pretty much know where to look it up in the book. And I really do have a cheat sheet, though it's just a Word document that I could easily export into a pdf file and share as needed with everyone. I would need to add the denominations, but that wouldn't be a problem. So, if there's interested, I'll finish it up and send it to whoever wants it. Finally, to see 268 Japanese bonds in color, here's the link to my photo album:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/warbonds/Japan#>

Cheers,  
Sparky  
mcwatson@yahoo.com

[Dear Sparky,  
How cool is that! Of course I would welcome your cheat sheet. The photos are fantastic, and in color no less. Too bad we can't attach scans to the Gram. I'm sure there are a number of us who would like to have copies of the photos. Thanks Sparky - Ed.]

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TWIRR #21

by Fred Schwan

I was doing one of my favorite things--reading my mail and drinking a cup of coffee at Wendy's. Indeed, I am still there preparing this TWIRR. In spite of it being a Monday, there was not much of great interest

in my mail. I do this often enough that I probably should solicit the local Wendy's for an advertisement in the next edition of Remembered (or even of MPC) except that I only buy a senior coffee for less than a buck so I am not really that great customer. Regular, yes, great, no.

Anyway, there was not much of interest until I found an article by counter-mark mavin Gregory Brunk. I immediately sent him an email which will explain further my excitement. The letter is included below. I will then follow with a few other comments.

Dear Gregory,

I have followed your work for many years. I do not believe that we have ever met, but I certainly hope to be able to in the future. I am sitting in Wendy's having a cup of coffee. I leafed through my November/December NI Bulletin and was about to throw it out with a thought that I do not often find anything of particular interest therein. In spite of that, I do enjoy receiving it (I have been a life member for many years (LEM19)). At the last moment I saw the image at the end of your article on counter-marked coins (imagine that). At first I did not

recognize the Dutch coin altered to Wilhelmina in London. I love it. Of course this item is important to our work on World War II numismatics (you can receive a free newsletter on the subject by writing to MPCGram@yahoo.com). Additionally, it fits in with my wife's collection of love tokens which inspired me to expand into trench art of which this coin is also a wonderful example. Can you help us with our work? I would like to have a scan of the coin that you had in the Bulletin and information and/or scans of other WWII era coins with political messages. I think that we have a few in World War II Remembered, but I am hard pressed to, huh, er, remember them at the moment. We are slowly working toward a new edition and would like to include more material like this.

Frankly, I would also be interested in obtaining one or some of the Wilhelmina altered coins.

Thank you very much for your wonderful work on counter-marks in general and for this article in particular and of course for any help that you can give us.

That concludes my letter. Here is the paragraph in the NI Bulletin that got me so excited:

Another example of this sort of series consists of the dozens of engraved Dutch coins of Queen Wilhelmina, who took refuge in London during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. Many of them

have their legend changed to read WILHELMINA IN LONDON, and the queen's crown is replaced by a helmet. The coin is just as Gregory describes it. Adding to the interest is the comment that there are many varieties of this item. Cool. In addition to help from Gregory and Bill Myers on this, Ron Waddell ought to jump on it!

I entered the following paragraph in the Netherlands section of the working copy of Remembered 2 with the hope that it will be greatly expanded:

#### Trench Art

The coinage struck in the United States was frequently used for trench art most commonly to create bracelets. Homeland coinage was altered to show Queen Wilhelmina with a military helmet in place of her crown and with the added legend Wilhelmina in London. Multiple varieties are known. These alterations are generally considered to be political alterations rather than the more common souvenir trench art.

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#### CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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In 1944, the Philadelphia mint was asked to create a coin. What was the denomination and for what country was it created?

Answer next time.

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#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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How many denominations of Danish encased postage stamps are there, and, just for grins, what are they?

ANSWER:

Answer:

2; 10 and 25 re; 10 different advertisements are known; all are issued in late 1920.

Flemming Hansen

ANSWER:

4 denominations, 1, 2, 5, 10 ore. WWIIR p78  
Bill & Kathy Myers

[Flemming may be referring to an earlier issue that is not listed in Remembered. If this is the case, more details would be appreciated. Page 78 lists the denominations in the Myers' answer and the following pages show a number of different advertisements -Ed.]

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EDITORIAL

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I'm off the the Whitman show in Baltimore B&E tomorrow. Ray Czahor is picking me up at the airport and we will get together to look over some research material and, as he describes it, quite a large number of WW II era stamps. David Seelye, along with Neil and Joel Shafer will also be at the show and I'm confident we will get together for a mini fest at some point. I'll return on Saturday and will make my report in a special weekend Gram.

My 2008 IBNS auction catalogue arrived today and it has a number of very interesting notes. The section on China is quite extensive.

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Dear Editor,

It is with great sadness that I read of Adna Wilde's passing. Adna was one of the original seminarians attending the first military numismatics class. I sat next to him and it was my introduction to a fine gentleman. He and his wife were a matched pair, a class act. If you visited the old museum on Fort Carson, you may remember a large mural painted on the outside wall. Among other vignettes of Army life was a painting of Adna and Joan being married at the old post chapel, circa 1940.

I remember the opening of the military numismatic exhibit at the ANA museum on December 7, 2002(?). Adna was present in his 10th Mountain Division ski uniform with his Silver Star pinned to his chest. He was the center of attention for kids of all ages. He will be missed.

Warner Talso

Dear Editor,

Saddened but not surprised to hear about the passing of Adna Wilde. He was a great asset to the ANA. At the opening of an exhibit on military money at the ANA Museum a number of years back, Adna spoke about how he was assigned to the famed 10th Mountain Division for training in the Colorado Rockies during WWII. As he so aptly put it, they took a boy from Mississippi (or perhaps South Carolina) who didn't know what snow was and trained him to be a a soldier fighting in the mountains. At that time he wasn't sure what he was

getting into and he questioned the sanity of the men  
issuing the orders. But after the war he eventually  
returned to Colorado and we gained a great citizen.  
Howard is correct, he was one of the nicest people you  
would ever meet.  
Bill Rosenblum

Dear Editor,  
I do not know what else is in this auction that might  
be of interest to one or more Gramsters, but the lot  
at:  
<http://www.empiremilitaryauctions.com/detail.asp?id=128&pic=8#img>  
might be scrip from a German SS organization and/or  
club or? I cannot remember ever seen this piece  
before.  
The Master Sergeant Daniel in Viet Nam

Dear Editor,  
Confirmed Fest registrations:  
Steve Feller  
Ray Feller  
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P.S. Ray and I will be speaking at Seton Hall Univ in  
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Adna G. Wilde Jr. Dies,

Retired Lt. Col. Adna G. Wilde Jr., former president, Board member, executive director, treasurer and parliamentarian of the American Numismatic Association, died on the morning of Nov. 17 in Colorado Springs. He was 88.

This is a sad time for our Association, ANA President Barry Stuppler said. Adna will be remembered as one of the most important leaders in our history. Everyone who knew him respected him for his kindness, professionalism, and service to his country. He was the finest gentleman I've ever known, and he will be

deeply missed.

A member since 1947 (Life Member 232), Wilde served as executive director from 1968-72, governor from 1973-79, vice president from 1979-81, president from 1981-83 and treasurer from 1983-2008. He received the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award in 1985, the Medal of Merit and Exemplary Service Award in 1991, the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998, and Presidential Awards in 1994, 1998 and 2008. He received the inaugural award named in his honor, the Adna G. Wilde Jr. Award for Excellence, this October.

Wilde was elected to the ANA Numismatic Hall of Fame in 2002, was named ANA Numismatist of the Year in 2005 and received the Numismatic Ambassador Award from Numismatic News in 1995.

Wilde was born in Vicksburg, Miss., on Oct. 1, 1920, and graduated from The Citadel in 1943. After college, he joined the Army, and was wounded in combat in Italy during World War II. He moved to Colorado Springs in 1945 and served as an officer in the Army, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before coming to the ANA in 1968. An accomplished numismatist, he was known most notably for his research of Lesher Referendum dollars and Stone Mountain commemorative half dollars. In his first year as executive director, Wilde and Ed Rochette

were instructors for the first Summer Seminar. Enrollment the first year was 17 for the week-long educational event; Summer Seminar has since expanded to two weeks and attracts over 400 students each year. The ANA benefited from Adna's expertise for 40 years, said Executive Director Larry Shepherd. He inspired countless young collectors, and provided a steady hand through good times and bad. His legacy will help guide the Association for generations to come.

Wilde is survived by his wife, Joan. He will be buried with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Information about memorial services and donations will be released when it becomes available. The ANA has created a memorial page on its Web site; all are welcome to post their thoughts, condolences and memories.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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Two notes were printed in the United States for Curacao a Dutch colony. Who was the printer and what

are the two denominations?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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In 1944, the Philadelphia mint was asked to create a coin. What was the denomination and for what country was it created?

ANSWER:

I'll suggest the Greenland polar bear 5 kroner piece of 1944, KM9  
Flemming Hansen

ANSWER:

Answer By the wording of your question I assume you are referring to the 1944 2 francs coin for France produced along with AMC francs. WWIIR p281. There is also the Belgium 1944 2 francs coin minted in Philadelphia on the zinc-plated steel planchets used for the 1943 cents. WWIIR p30  
Bill Myers

ANSWER:

A Belgium 2 Francs on 1943 cent blank and a France 2 francs brass.  
David Seelye

[When I posed this question I had in mind the French 2 francs coin. The Belgian coin was also struck at Philadelphia and is a correct answer. Flemming is also correct in that the Greenland 5 Kroner was minted at Philadelphia. See page 85 in Remembered. Regarding the question about the Danish encased postage stamps, David Seelye writes:  
"1,2,3,5,10 Ore. The 10 ore is very elusive, only had 1 3 ore." Remembered does not mention a 3 ore piece and I would have to assume it will be in the next edition - Ed.]

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Paraphrasing the words of David Seelye regarding the Whitman Baltimore show - income did not exceed expenses. Looking at the public floor traffic, or should I say the lack thereof, I can see why. Perhaps there was more public participation on Saturday. I'll let Dave give us the info on that as I left early in the morning. From my own point of view, the show, despite being mostly coins, was good in that I found some nice items. The first, from token dealer Paul

Cunningham was a 1d NAAFI token with a medal reverse. The condition wasn't great, but it fits nicely with the other NAAFI's in the group. The second item was a Philippine one peso series 1941 "aged" note. This particular specimen, from Neil Shafer, aged very well as it is in at least FINE condition as opposed to the Good/Very Good described in Remembered. Another find was a Banco Popolare Di Milano circulating check, type 2, SB#12555 for 500 Lira from Dave Seelye. It seems that shows billed as coin and currency are mostly coins and the currency is, for the most part, from the US.

Foreign paper is limited. Memphis, and of course, Maastricht, are the exceptions. It was still worth the trip since, besides going to the show, I met with Ray Czahor to look at some of what he has from the Nielsen collection. That will be the subject of another report.

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Dear Editor,

I am unclear on your answer to the question about the Special Representative of the Secretary War refund checks for Montgomery Ward. The question and answer suggest that Montgomery Ward was paid by the government with these checks. This was not their purpose.

Montgomery Ward and other retailers sent refund checks to their mail order customers who overpaid. The checks were bearer checks and could be cashed at any bank or used for subsequent purchases. The War Department took over certain Montgomery Ward facilities in 1944. Refunds to customers from these facilities were paid with the checks from the Special Representative. Refunds from the facilities not taken over by the War Department continued to be paid in checks drawn on Montgomery Ward accounts.

The number of different varieties of checks known to have been issued by the Special Representative is greater than that identified in World War II Remembered. There are at least four different signatures, three different formats and three different paper colors.

Jim Downey

[Remembered is a little vague on this subject saying that refund checks were necessary in the normal course of operations. Jim's explanation helped to clear things up - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

[In response to Howard Daniel's question about the SS organizational tag]

What is pictured is an RZM manufacturing tag that was affixed into an article of clothing, perhaps a hat or an armband. They are not especially scarce and can still be found in Nazi memorabilia found in warehouses and brought home by G.I.s.

Best wishes,  
Dennis Earle.

Dear Editor,

Could you please add my email address  
gfredner@gmail.com to your subscription list for the  
MPCGram newsletter?

Thanks,  
Greg Fedner

Dear Editor,

This was sent to me today and I felt it would be an excellent idea to pass on to all gramsters. It could bring much joy and happiness to one of our soldiers through the holiday season.

Harold"mpckid"Kroll

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ANA NEWS RELEASE

Adna G. Wilde Jr. Funeral Arrangements  
and Scholarship Fund Announced

The funeral for Retired Lt. Col. Adna G. Wilde Jr., former president, executive director, treasurer and parliamentarian for the American Numismatic Association, will be held at 9 a.m. EST, Jan. 26 at Arlington National Cemetery. The ANA will hold a separate memorial service the same day at 10 a.m. MST at its headquarters in Colorado Springs.

Wilde was born in 1920, served in the U.S. Army 10th Mountain Division in World War II, and was wounded during battle in Italy. He served as an officer in the Army until 1968, when he came to the ANA as its executive director. A bronze plaque in his honor will be placed at the foot of the flag stand at ANA headquarters during the memorial ceremony.

Memorial donations may be made to the Adna G. Wilde Jr. Summer Seminar Scholarship Fund, established as a tribute to Wildes numerous contributions to numismatic education. Each year, nearly 400 students attend Summer Seminar, but countless others are unable to attend due to financial considerations. Scholarships from this newly created fund will be awarded based on a combination of merit and financial need, and will make Summer Seminar accessible to more numismatists.

Wildes vision and wisdom were instrumental in establishing Summer Seminar. In his first year as executive director, he and Governor Ed Rochette were instructors for the inaugural event, which attracted 17 students for one week of immersed numismatic study. In 2008, the ANA celebrated Summer Seminars 40th year; the event has since expanded to two weeks and is considered by many to be the best educational experience in numismatics.

Donations to the Adna G. Wilde Jr. Summer Seminar Scholarship Fund may be mailed to:

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In Memory of Adna G. Wilde Jr. 1920-2008  
by John and Nancy Wilson

It was with heartfelt sadness that we learned of Adna's passing. Adna G. Wilde Jr. was one of the most honorable numismatists we have ever known. During our entire terms of service on the ANA Board from 1987 to 2005 we were privileged to have Adna as Treasurer and Parliamentarian of the Association. This knowledgeable and thoughtful man helped us greatly during our terms of service to ANA. When he recently stepped down as Treasurer and Parliamentarian of the ANA, that was a very sad day for us. No one looked after the ANA in regards to finance and procedure as he did. When Adna talked, Board members listened and almost always agreed with him. He was a close friend who we always asked for advice in Board meetings as well as other times. He was a leader who served as an example to all of us. His service to our Country in the U.S. Army was also commendable where he achieved the rank of Lt Col. This coin club officer and worker, collector, author, speaker and exhibitor will always be remembered by everyone who crossed his path. All of our prayers and thoughts to his wife Joan and their family. We have made a donation to ANA in his memory. Rest in Peace Adna, as your passing will be mourned by those of us who loved him so much. With deepest sympathy, John and Nancy Wilson, Volunteers and Life Members of ANA.

We received this from ANA. The link will take you directly to the site of the guest book for Adna. It will also have a tribute to Adna. We have set up a memorial guest book for Adna on the ANA website. Please link below to go to the guest book and post your memories and thoughts.

Adne Wilde,  
by Fred Schwan  
The passing of Adne Wilde is a great loss to me,

military numismatics, and the greater numismatic community. I knew Adna for many years, but I did not know him well until he enrolled in the first military numismatics seminar. I was a little intimidated to have such an illustrious ANA member as a student in our first class. My worry was unfounded. Anda was a joy to have in class. We all benefited from having him and I made a new friend. Adna was a World War II veteran. Specifically, he was a member of the famed 10th Mountain Division. I believe that he is the only World War II veteran that we have had in class. Adna's was not only a collector of AMC, MPC and other military issues, he was among the original collectors. That is, his collection included notes that he had himself received in pay or commerce in overseas theaters during the war. I remember specifically that he brought home some of the Allied military lire notes in his collection. I am not sure what other issues he brought home because he added to his collection over the years and was still adding very near the end. Adna did not use email, but he DID receive the MPCGram. A staff member at ANA headquarters printed it out for him. I hate to think about the ANA budget and the environmental impact of that. I now wish that I had done some interviews of Adna for the Gram. Here is a little story about Anda that I have never told. As I said, Anda was a student at the first military numismatics seminar. As it turned out he was also the first person to be paid at that class. He took his pay to the book store and purchased his required books with he new MFC (it was MFC not AFC at the first seminar). Adna paid without examining his notes. His payment included a serial number one star note. I felt bad taking it from him but, did not say anything nor ever tell the story until now. Adna was above all a gentleman. I am honored to have known him.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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How many type styles of Central Bank overprints are known for Philippine Victory notes?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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Two notes were printed in the United States for Curacao a Dutch colony. Who was the printer and what are the two denominations?

ANSWER:

1 and 2 1/2 gulden (P-35 -36) from the American Banknote Co. What about the 1943 issue (P-25-27)? There is also the 1892 issue (P-A51-54).  
Steve Jinks

ANSWER:

1 & 2 1/2 gulden by the American Bank Note Company ABNC also printed 5, 10, 25 gulden notes in the style of the 1930/1933 Enschede notes. (WWIIR 350-352) Bill and Kathy Myers

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EDITORIAL  
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At the Whitman Show in Baltimore paper money dealer Len Harsel directed my attention to the recent IBNS auction catalog introduction dealing with grading. It deals with the term Uncirculated. The catalog states: "For example, in Europe the grade "About Uncirculated" (AU) is now in general use due to conflicts with the trade description law in force in the United Kingdom this term replaces the term UNCIRCULATED, yet in North America it is widespread. The European term "Good VF" may roughly correspond to what individual in North America would call "EF"." Further on in the Grading Guide ABOUT UNCIRCULATED (AUNC) is defined as:  
"A perfectly preserved note, never mishandled by the issuing authority, a bank teller, the public or a collector. Paper is clean and firm, without discoloration. Corners are sharp and square, without any evidence of rounding (Rounded corners are often telltale sign of a cleaned or "doctored" note.) An about uncirculated note will have its original sheen."

I have received IBNS auction catalogs before and have not noticed this language. Do these descriptions or definitions mean that in Europe there is no such thing as an "Uncirculated" note? Does it mean that once a note has left the issuing authority or a bank it must be considered circulated?

If these European definitions are applicable to North America, then is the only way to define a note as "Uncirculated" would be to receive it directly from the printing press?

I can recall a description (in a US catalog) of a high denomination US note described as "uncirculated, with slight evidence of teller handling". To me that indicates circulation. To all who have the IBNS catalog take a look at the entire grading section.

I'd like you hear other opinions.

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Dear Editor,

The Whitman Baltimore show on Saturday morning from 9AM, with public starting time 10AM, was slow at best.

There was the traditional Thanksgiving parade in front of the convention center from 11 AM until 1PM. That caused the closing of Pratt street from 9AM until 2PM, effectively allowing no vehicle traffic toward the show venue. It took my wife 35 minutes to drive around the parade route, (parked less than three blocks from the convention center) after receiving directions from a Baltimore Police officer. In the section where I was located there was essentially only occasional dealer walking by, most likely headed to the men's room. At the busiest time for the show it was easy count to all the customers in the block of 15 tables where I was located on less than two hands. I left about 1PM.

It was very evident that the slowing of the economy had a major effect on the turnout of the non dealer public. Fred and I are sharing a table at the FUN show (shameless plug) January 7-11, 2009. It will be interesting to see if the effect I saw at Baltimore is evident at the huge Florida show. Any Whitman puffery about how wonderful the show was attended and business conducted, obviously didn't talk to any dealer around me.

David Seelye

Dear Editor,

In regard to the Nazi era RZM tags the genuine ones are of high quality sewn fabric while the fakes I have observed are printed on "aged" paper as found attached to all the fantasy ghetto and SS divisional armbands available in Eastern Europe. I did observe two different fantasy arm bands with the same printed paper RZM tag #. If I recall correctly these RZM tags were sort of a tax stamp. What is interesting is these various fantasy armbands trade as high as \$20 - 30 over there. They also make high quality perfect looking various Nazi banners.....most likely with the same equipment they used there during the war.....and sell them for about 10% of the retail price of an original. For an example a black SS banner with silver thread fringes that may run about \$8000.00 for the genuine article will cost about \$800.00 for a flawless reproduction.

Cheers,  
Colin Bruce

Dear Editor,  
Randy Poe and I have been registered since October. I contacted Kim at the hotel two times and I see we are still not on the fest list for some reason. We are confirmed for Thursday to Sunday. Maybe they over looked us????????? Any ideas or can you check?  
Brian Fanton  
[Dear Brian, you were not overlooked, I simply did not have the information. Your names have been added to the list of confirmed attendees - Ed.]

Dear Editor,  
Could you please add my email address gfedner@gmail.com to your subscription list for the MPCGram newsletter? Thanks,  
Greg Fedner.  
[Welcome Greg, your subscription has been entered - Ed.]

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November 27(set-up) 28-30 - Exhibits and possible minifest  
[www.michigancoinclub.org](http://www.michigancoinclub.org)

52nd Money Show of the Southwest, Houston, TX  
George R. Brown Convention Ctr  
December 4th(set-up) 5-7  
[texascoins@comcast.net](mailto:texascoins@comcast.net)- [www.houstoncoinshow.org](http://www.houstoncoinshow.org)

2009

New York Inc, Waldorf Astoria - admission charge  
January 8(set-up) 9-11, 2009 - [www.nyinc.info](http://www.nyinc.info) - [kfoley2@wi.rr.com](mailto:kfoley2@wi.rr.com)

54th Annual FUN Convention, Orange County Convention Center, FL  
January 8-11, 2009 - [dwellers@embarqmail.com](mailto:dwellers@embarqmail.com)-  
[www.funtopics.com](http://www.funtopics.com)

Long Beach Coin Stamp and Collectibles Expo, Heritage Auction,  
February 5-7, 2009  
[www.longbeachexpo.com](http://www.longbeachexpo.com)

15th Chicago Pape Money Expo (CPMX), Rosemont, IL,  
March 5-8, 2009 admission charge  
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ANA National Money Show, Portland, OR  
March 13-15, 2009  
Bowers and Merena Auction - possible minifest  
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Contact Lee Quast - [amerishow@gmail.com](mailto:amerishow@gmail.com)

Baltimore Coin & Currency Convention

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[www.info@whitmanexpo.com](http://www.info@whitmanexpo.com)

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Santa Clara, CA Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Expo  
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Superior Auction  
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34th Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), Rosemont,  
IL  
April 23-26, 2009 admission charge  
Ponterio & Associates Auction - possible minifest  
[www.cicfshow.com](http://www.cicfshow.com)

70th Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS),  
Cincinnati, OH  
April 29 - May 2, 2009  
Exhibits, Heritage Auction  
[www.centralstates.info](http://www.centralstates.info)

Long Beach Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo  
May 28-30, 2009  
Heritage Auction  
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Memphis, TN  
June 26-28, 2009  
Spink-Smythe Auction, Exhibits  
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28th MidAmerica Coin EXpo, Schaumburg, IL  
June 25-28, 2009 - admission charge  
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Florida United Numismatics (FUN) Summer Fun Show, West  
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ANA World's Fair of Money, Los Angeles, CA  
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

German Naval Tokens  
by Jim Downey  
Second of Two Parts

Last week, I discussed German naval tokens of the World War One era and gave a brief history of the SMS Konigsberg and its tokens. In this second installment, I will discuss the SMS Emden.

The SMS Emden was a light cruiser originally commissioned in 1909. Emden was first stationed at Tsingtao the port for the German colony of Kiauchau in China. Her first combat came in 1911 in suppressing a rebellion on the German Caroline Islands. She also combined with other foreign vessels to put down a Chinese rebellion on the Yangtze in 1913.

The Emden was at sea when World War One broke out. She captured her first foreign ship as a result of a wartime engagement on August 4, 1914 when she took a Russian vessel.

Emden rendezvoused with the rest of the German East Asia Squadron at Pagan in the Caroline Islands on August 8, 1914. She was sent into the Indian Ocean to raid Allied merchant vessels on August 14, 1914.

Emden was a three-stacker. She put up a dummy stack to make herself look more like an English vessel, most of which had four stacks. In the Indian Ocean Emden began to prey upon the unescorted Allied merchant ships. She also shelled the oil installations at the Indian city of Madras.

In September 1914, Emden captured seventeen ships. Most of the captured British ships were sunk quickly. London did not learn of Emdens success until mid-September. Emden caused quite a stir among the Allies. Her successful raids effectively shut down all merchant shipping in the eastern Indian Ocean. Several Allied vessels were dispatched to hunt her down but she managed to elude them all by moving into the central Indian Ocean putting up for 10 days at Diego Garcia which had yet to receive word of the fact that the war had begun!

Allied pressure on the Emden intensified as English, Russian, French and Japanese ships joined in her pursuit.

She scored her biggest victory at the British port of Penang in Malaya. On October 28, Emden entered the harbor of Penang still disguised with the fake fourth smokestack. Once inside the harbor she sunk the Russian cruiser Zhemchung.

The French destroyer Mousquet pursued Emden out of Penang but was also sunk by the heavier guns of the

Emden.

Emden went to the Cocos Islands, where she intended to destroy the wireless station on Direction Island. This would seriously hamper Allied radio communication in the Indian Ocean. Emden reached Direction Island on November 9, 1914. A landing party went ashore to take out the wireless station.

Unfortunately, Emden was spotted by the superintendent of the telegraph company before the raiding party reached the wireless station. A distress call was sent out noting an unidentified ship in the area. At this point, six Allied ships were hunting for Emden. The Australian light cruiser HMAS Sydney was sent from an Australian troop convoy to the Cocos in response to the wireless transmission.

HMAS Sydney arrived before the raiding party could be recalled. Emden pulled anchor and left them ashore in order to engage the Sydney. Sydney was larger, faster and better armed than Emden. After a battle that lasted an hour and a half, the Sydney got the better of Emden. Emden was beached by her captain to avoid sinking.

German losses were 131 dead and 65 wounded. Captain von Mller and the crew of the Emden were arrested as prisoners of war.

In the meantime, the landing party had hoisted the Imperial German flag and declared the island a German possession. Seeing the end of the Emden, the raiding party sought a means of escape and found it in the three-masted schooner Ayesha. The raiding party made for the neutral Dutch East Indies. They journeyed by sea to Turkey and then overland to Germany.

The hulk of the Emden remained at Direction Island. She was stripped of her weaponry and any other salvageable material by the crew of the Sydney. One of her 105mm guns was put on display at Hyde park in Sydney. Another is located on display at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. The wreck itself was [salvaged] by a Japanese company in 1950 but scattered parts of the wreck remain.

Five different denominations of tokens were issued for use on the Emden. These were 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 pfennig. The 10, 50 and 200 pfennig tokens are brass.

The 20 and 100 pfennig are nickel-plated zinc. All of them bear the legend Kantine S.M.S. Emden on the obverse. The denomination is on the reverse.

There were four later ships named Emden in the German Navy including a cruiser which was completed in 1916 that also saw service in World War One. Tokens were issued for use on at least one of the later incarnations of the Emden. They are of a different style. Since these ships post date the empire, they do not bear the SMS identifier for the name of the ship.

The Emden tokens have often appeared in numismatic auctions in Australia suggesting they were salvaged by the crew of the HMAS Sydney as souvenirs. The sinking of the Emden was one of the high points for the Australian Navy in World War One. The HMAS Sydney and its battle with the Emden were commemorated by a number of contemporary medals. This Emden was also memorialized on post-WWI notgeld from the city of Emden. An example can be seen at:

<http://forums.collectors.com/messageview.cfm?catid=23&threadid=689037>.

At least one German numismatic souvenir of the battle between Emden and Sydney is known. It is a Mexican Liberty Cap peso with the legend On board SMS, Emden 9 November 1914, reef north of Keeling stamped around its face in German.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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What emergency issues were issued for Camp Knox?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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How many type styles of Central Bank overprints are known for Philippine Victory notes?

ANSWER:

There are 3 styles of letters, thick, medium and thin, WWIIR page 434.

Bill Myers

[This question was inspired by three one peso notes Ray Czahor showed me while I was in Baltimore. They were three uncirculated examples from the Nielsen collection, each with one of the type styles. The "medium" style features an elongated horizontal portion of the letter "L" in the word Central - Ed.]

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EDITORIAL  
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There is a response to the grading section of the IBNS auction catalog (see Joe Boling's letter in Mail Call) and I would like more opinions and comments on this. One question that comes to my mind after looking through the information another time is when is a note (or a coin) considered circulated? In the case of US

notes, after printing they are sent to the Federal Reserve to await distribution to local banks in need of new notes. At this point, I don't believe you can call them circulated. When a local bank receives the notes aren't they are still not in circulation? So when does circulation start? If I get a new note from my local bank and take in home and put it in a holder has the note entered circulation?

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Dear Editor,  
Thank you for bringing the IBNS auctioneer's unauthorized screwing with the IBNS grading standards to my attention. I will take it up with the board.  
Joe Boling  
[The IBNS auction catalog also mentions the Trades Description Act which is in force in the UK. This must have some bearing on the issue - Ed.]

Dear Editor,  
Kind of new to this MPC thing, though i have collected all sorts of money for years and have currently 76 Military Payment Certificates. My main focus is been on the Series 691; I have the \$1 and \$20 dollar notes like most other people that collect  
These, But can you tell me where to get a \$5 or \$10??  
Your help would be greatly appreciated!  
Thanks, Elmer

[A previous Championship Corner Question dealt with Danish encased postage stamps. Following is a comment from Flemming Hansen about the 1920/21 issues - Ed.]

Dear Editor,  
The issue of 1920 (more correctly 1921) was issued for use in Southern Jutland after the plebiscite, where Denmark regained some of the territory lost in the war of 1864 against Prussia. In the time after the plebiscite there wasn't enough change at hand, so the Danish Post Office issued the 2 denominations 10 and 25 re, 474.234 of 10 re and 467.583 of 25 re. A stamp of the appropriate denomination was put in a metal cap, which on the other side has a advertisement. It was a local post-office official who suggested these, after French model. Approvement from the Ministry of Finance came February 12, 1921, and the official announcement from

the Post Office came March 23, 1921. The first encased postage stamps of this type was handed out to the public on April 14, 1921 from four major post offices in the area. About a year later there was enough small change in the area, and an announcement was sent out about withdrawal on February 22, 1922; 340.129 of 10 re and 358.452 of 25 re were withdrawn. Pictures of these encased postage stamps can be seen in Siegs Mntkatalog (several editions). The above information is from:  
[www.gladsaxegymnasium.dk/2/soemod/fpenge.htm](http://www.gladsaxegymnasium.dk/2/soemod/fpenge.htm)  
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TWIRR #22 Book Review  
by Fred Schwan

While watching the Beijing Olympics a feature was done

on Eric Liddell.

You will probably know him as the runner who refused to run on Sunday during the 1924 Olympics as portrayed in the movie Chariots of Fire. I am a track fan. I knew a little bit about the story. Sally Magnusson wrote a biography of Liddell. She was interviewed on the Olympics program. After Liddell refused to run in the 100 yard race, he won the gold in the 400 meters where he was an underdog. In addition to telling the story about the 1924 Olympics, Magnusson explained that Liddell was the first person born in China to win an Olympic gold medal. Liddell's father was a missionary in China and Eric was born there. All of this is interesting, but I really got interested when Magnusson said that Eric Liddell himself had gone back to China as a missionary and had been interned there by the Japanese during World War II. Now that was something to really get me excited--an Olympic track and a World War internment story all in one. Within three minutes I ordered a copy of the Magnusson-Liddell book from Amazon. It came in due course (rather quickly actually) and I jumped right on it. The book is interesting, a pleasant and easy read. At first I was a bit disappointed by the depth of discussions relating to the war and the internment. Disappointed that is until I got to the following wonderful description that was far more than I would have expected along this line:

Eric was not always an innocent traveler. And on his journeys back to Siaochang from seeing the family in Tientsin, he used to carry contraband money. The Japanese had abolished Chinese money and had brought in their own paper currency which everyone was obliged to use. If you were caught with the old money, you could be shot. But the Japanese were not in control of the country areas, and at Sioachang the hospital, school and pastoral staff were all paid in the old currency. So this money had to be smuggle in from the city through the Japanese lines. [page 122]

Just as the above description was an unexpected bonus, there were a few short discussions about a canteen in the internment camp and exchange rates which were good but not a surprise. After the first six weeks the authorities opened a canteen where a very limited stock was on sale. there we could occasionally purchase peanuts, peanut oil, eggs, candy, honey, fruit in season, toothpaste, shoe polish, Chinese shoes and clogs, and a variety of other things. The work of the canteen was done by our own people. [page 150]

Sixteen packets of American cigarettes arrived once in

the parcel each person received from the red Cross.  
[page 154]. The cigarettes created a dilemma for the missionaries who were morally opposed to smoking, but desperate for other commodities that could be traded for the cigarettes.

Liddell served an organization known as the China Inland Mission. Most interestingly the mission published a magazine called China's Millions. Certainly this must be a good source for research. A few excerpts are included in the book and a subset of these are of interest to numismatists.

One of the serious difficulties is the continuing and uncontrolled soaring of prices of all necessities, and the situation is aggravated by the Chinese having pegged the exchange for sterling at 80 dollars to the pound. A more just exchange would probably be ten times as much. Recent letters state that in Chungking a suit of clothes costs 60 to 70 pounds, a pair of socks 5 pounds, potatoes 1/2 a pound. Wages of servants are no so fantastically high to make it virtually impossible to employ any.

Through the kind offices of the minister of finance it has been arranged that money sent out for missions and for philanthropic purposes shall receive a bonus of fifty per cent on the exchange, but this is rather nullified by the still higher rise in prices. I recommend this book for most readers.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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Referring to Fred's column, what was the illegal money that Liddell was carrying?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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What emergency issues were issued for Camp Knox?

ANSWER:  
10 & 25 aurar, and 1 krona emergency money (WWIIR 87)  
Bill Myers

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EDITORIAL  
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We have more responses to the grading discussion. It

would seem that the easiest explanation of the terms we use for grading is to ascribe them to the condition of the note and not to where the note has or has not been. An uncirculated note has certain characteristics weather or not it is obtained from the printer directly or weather it passed through a number of hands before making it to the holder. The definitions in the IBNS auction catalog seem to base the definition on where the note has (or has not) been to determine circulated or uncirculated.

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Dear Editor,

Most likely the most beat up area in all of collecting. Further to your request, when is it uncirculated? In 35 years of grading coins and paper money, the one clear thing that always stands out...has it circulated. That to me means it has been in a pocket or a wallet. With coins, depending on the circa....most should have some bag marks and allowable dings.....remember the counting machines that guaranteed you scratches or staples in 2x2's that gave your good coins that nice dig across the face? Paper is exactly that: paper...if it has been folded it will say so, was it creased with a paper clip or holed with a pin, look at the circa...that will define how you grade the item. We have got tons of super graders who use the wrong criteria when grading, grade the item to the times. I expect weak strikes on tokens, I look for pitting on 1580-1840 coins, I long for UHC on Morgan dollars or great strikes on Canadian 1949 dollars and.....how many times have we had off centre strikes on tetra drachms? Look at the whole item and start deducting, then figure the time frame and start adding. It is not rocket science, just knowledge of the techniques and style of the times.

Peter McDonald  
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Editor,

Just a quick comment on the grading and the time a note could be considered "circulated". As Bill McDonald, a Canadian collector (who in 1981 spearheaded the Interpam '81 gathering in Toronto) put it most succinctly: there is no connection between the grade of Uncirculated and whether or not the note has actually been used in commerce. You can find a fully uncirculated note being passed hand to hand, just so long as there is no sign of handling on the piece itself. It does not matter that the note was used, only the condition of the note is being graded.

Thus there may be some issues that can never be obtained in "Uncirculated" condition because before release each one is counted by hand or otherwise processed in such a manner that there is a telltale mark or wrinkle on each piece. The collector grade of every one of those is AU or AU+ at best, even though the notes themselves have never been placed into circulation. How many times have you been passed a coin that is as bright and shiny as anything you might buy in a coin shop as an Uncirculated piece? Yours may in fact be every bit as uncirculated in its condition even though it was given to you in change. If memory serves me correctly, we used to have a paragraph by McDonald in the catalog dealing with the term Uncirculated, but I see it is no longer there. At the time we thought it was important enough to include in the discussion of grading standards, just to avoid controversy such as this we are now engaged in.

Neil Shafer

Dear Editor,  
Have Elmer call or email me for the 691 stuff.  
billsing97@aol.com or 817-691-1910  
Bill McNease

Dear Editor,  
I have a discovery piece ( I think) from a WW2 D.P. camp ("Latvian D. P. Center Lauingen" 10 Units serial #001314. I sent Steve Feller a scan.  
David Seelye  
[We requested a scan for the Gram so the piece can be described. We will also publish any remarks from Steve Feller - Ed.]

Dear Editor,  
Here's an interesting question. Stacks has a mail bid only sale coming up 17 December. Lot 1550 is a Navy Cross. Under the Defense of Valor act, they ought not be able to sell that. But it's clearly not an awarded piece - it has DISPLAY engraved on the back of the lower arm, and museum accession numbers painted on the reverse in two places. Would this piece be covered under the prohibitions of the act?  
There are several lots of similarly-marked medals, cataloged as being "Ex Western Reserve Historical Society." Lot 1554 includes a Silver Star, also covered by the act. If you are looking for some seldom-seen pieces, try lot 1559 (Army Spanish War Service Medal, Army Philippine Campaign Medal, Cuban Occupation Medal, Mexican Service Medal).

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Series 10, No 1748      Monday, December 12nd, 2008

Lyn Knight December Auction,  
by Joel Shafer

Dear Gram,  
On December 10, LKCA World Paper Money will auction  
important rarities in metropolitan Kansas City at Lyn  
Knight's building. This venue provides many important  
opportunities for Gram readers-here are some  
highlights:

An impressive World War II array begins with Australia  
LOTS 6021, 6022, 6023, and 6024 internment camp tokens  
issued by the Australian Defence Canteen Service.  
Another token can be found in Isle of Man LOT 6278  
Onchan Internment Camp. Limited amounts of these  
tokens were made (I did not want to say token  
amounts), and they remain scarce today.  
[Joel - Of course you wanted to say "token amounts",  
it was too good an opportunity to miss, just ask your  
dad! - Ed.]

Allied Military Currency (AMC) makes an appearance  
with Austria LOTS 6057 (16 notes) and LOT 6058, the  
1000 Schilling. AMC can also be found in Japan LOTS  
6334-6338. Pieces here include both "A" and "B" Yen  
as well as a pleasing assortment of replacements.

We are fortunate to offer a few items from the  
collection of the late CM Nielsen; they are LOTS 6133;  
6135; 6236; 6350; 6613; and 6618. These notes go  
beyond mere paper money; LOT 6350 contains notations  
in a manner that only Nielsen could provide, and LOT  
6618 is a group of 28 short snorters.

France/French colonies contains a complete type set  
Tresor Francaise in LOT 6196 and phoenix note in LOT  
6198. Germany features several lots, including scarce

photo mechanically produced pieces in LOT 6211 and LOT 6212. We offer several high grade Guernsey pieces from the Charlton Meyer holdings in LOTS 6228-6230. LOT 6359 is a very scarce Libya Tripolitania 500 Lire.

POW items are mostly located in United States LOTS 6569-6604. However, do not miss Canada LOT 6125, Great Britain LOT 6218, a seldom seen 3 Pence with Home Office (HO) under-print particularly RARE in this issued form, and three very tough India POW pieces in LOTS 6248-6250.

United States MPC can be found in the US section LOTS 1096-1104. Highlights include very difficult 50 Cents Series 481 REPLACEMENT, extremely scarce 50 Cents Series 521 REPLACEMENT, 1 Dollar Series 521 REPLACEMENT rare third printing, and lovely 10 Dollars Series 661.

DO NOT MISS THIS SALE; come join us! The festivities start Monday, December 8 with Lyn Knight's charity poker tournament. For more information, please contact Joel Shafer at 414-350-6980 or see our websites [www.lynnknight.com](http://www.lynnknight.com) and [www.lkcaworldpapermoney.com](http://www.lkcaworldpapermoney.com)

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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Many of us collect souvenir cards. There is a show each year in which a souvenir card is issued and the card is different from what we normally see in souvenir cards. What is different about the card and what show are we talking about?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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Referring to Fred's column, what was the illegal money that Liddell was carrying?

ANSWER:  
Chinese Nationalist Yuan (WWIIR 695)  
Bill Myers

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EDITORIAL  
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Today's Gram features a lot of new items. We have a new Latvian note as reported by David Seelye, a different type of USPS money order from Jim Noll and a reported record price for a Fiji note from Kerry Rodgers from down under. We also have Howard Daniel's discovery of tokens from the French cruiser Piquard. Howard even poses a question about listing the tokens. All great stuff.

There is another find I'd like to mention and that was brought to my attention at the recently concluded Baltimore show. Paper money dealer Daryl Speilbring, who always has at least one note that screams for me to take it home, reports a new replacement MPC for the survey. The series 521 dollar is in XF/AU condition with a small spot and is from the first printing and bears serial number E00112014 and position #15. It is one of the better looking replacements notes I have seen.

Good job and thanks to all who sent in reports. Keep them coming.

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Dear Editor,  
NEW FIND

Latvian D. P. Center Lauingen  
This was a camp in Lauingen Germany, east of Brunswick, in northern Germany run by the UNRRA Team 308. The discover piece is a 10 unit, red printing on orange paper with orange underprint. The style of the note is the same as the Ludwig Dillingen notes, as illustrated in Feller& Feller's book "Silent Witnesses; Civilian Camp Money of World War II" 1st edition page 148-9.

The note is 115mm x 72mm. The same warning text, in two lines, in Latvian on the back of the note is barely discernible. The note is in EF, with one old centerfold and slight handling. The note will be featured on my soon to be released fixed price listing of POW & Internment Camp notes and chits.

David Seelye  
[Dear Dave, Very nice and cool! Steve Feller]

Dear Editor,  
I presume you guys are aware that a Fiji five pound o/p (on NZ first issue RBNZ), P#46b, sold in Sydney last week. It was the first time it had been offered at auction and was graded XF - although I did not manage to handle it.  
The estimate had been set at A\$15,000, or US\$9,572 in

real money, but at the end of the day sold to a very happy Australian collector for A\$31,000, or US\$19,783 plus 16.5% BP. This is a record price for any Fiji note as far as I am aware, although a first issue specimen set went for big bucks in Singapore some years ago.

Dr. Kerry Rodgers

Dear Editor,

I collect USPS Money Orders and on Nov 1, 2008 the USPS issued a new series of USPS Money Orders after 17 years of the previous series.

The previous series had a Military version sold on overseas bases but I have not seen any of the previous series Military money orders since the mid 199X time frame so I do not know if money orders marked Military are still issued and used.

If they are still issued and used I would like to obtain several copies of what ever Military version might exist for the new Nov 1 Money Order issue. Also I would be in the market for examples of the previous series from mid 199X through Oct 2008 if any are in collections or still being issued in locations that have not received the new Money Order stock.

I talked to Joe Boling and Fred Schwan and Fred said send my request to this Email.

Fred also suggested I ask to be placed on MPC GRAM distribution for a couple months so I can see if anyone replies to my request.

Jim Noll IBNS, SPMC, Etc

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Dear Editor,

Some other pieces I found in Quoc's

(saigoncoin@cs.com) junkboxes are tokens from the ship's store for the French cruiser Lamotte Picquard, which was sunk by the US Navy while docked in Saigon in 1945. If you want to see images of them you can email (hadaniel3@msn.com) me.

After it was sunk, the crew and workers threw their tokens in the mud. This part of the port in HCMC is now being dredged and rebuilt and they are finding the tokens. I found some nice ones in other dealers' junkboxes in past years but in much nicer condition than Quoc's. These have strong evidence of being hit by shovels and/or other equipment, but they are still collectible because there are not that many survivors. A year or two ago, I finally got in contact with the editor of the French military token catalog in France.

They have never been listed in it but they will be in the next edition. I sent the editor high-res images plus the weights and measurements of each of the four denominations; 1, 5, 10 and 20 Francs, so they will be illustrated too. I have no idea what values he will put on them. Most values in his catalog are not too high, probably because of not that many collectors of them in France.

This ship was engaged in one of the so-called "pre" WWII battles when they fought the Thai for the western provinces of Cambodia and Laos that the Japanese said should be transferred to Thailand. After the Japanese "arrived" in Indochina and Thailand, the French had to transfer what the Thai wanted.

Should the tokens be in "Remembered"? The ship still had a crew during WWII but it was being very slowly dismantled at the dock for scrap that the Japanese wanted from it when sunk. What do you think?

The Master Sergeant Daniel in Viet Nam

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Ron Waddell, 100

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Thanks,  
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Ray

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681 \$10.00 #'s 8, 24, 39, 44

681 \$20.00 #'s 3, 31, 49, 50

Also looking for the same for 472 \$10.00 position  
numbers, 1, 5, 10, 26, 33, 36, 40, 41, 42, 43, 48,  
49.

Have other MPC, foreign, lotterie tickets and many  
other various items for trade or outright purchase.  
Harold Kroll



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52nd Money Show of the Southwest, Houston, TX  
George R. Brown Convention Ctr  
December 4th(set-up) 5-7  
[texascoins@comcast.net](mailto:texascoins@comcast.net)- [www.houstoncoinshow.org](http://www.houstoncoinshow.org)

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New York Inc, Waldorf Astoria - admission charge  
January 8(set-up) 9-11, 2009 - [www.nyinc.info](http://www.nyinc.info) -  
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54th Annual FUN Convention, Orange County Convention  
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Long Beach Coin Stamp and Collectibles Expo,  
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ANA National Money Show, Portland, OR  
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Cincinnati, OH  
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Series 10, No 1749 Thursday, December 4th, 2008

Counterfeits and Hogan's Heroes,  
by Jim Downey

One of the more peculiar shows to appear on network television was Hogans Heroes. For those of you are under age 35 or from outside the United States , Hogans Heroes was a sitcom that ran from 1965-71 on CBS. It was set in a German POW camp during World War II. It chronicled the zany adventures of a multi-national group of Allied POWs who carried out acts of sabotage and espionage from inside (and outside) the camp. Here is a link to the Wikipedia entry for the show if you want to read more about the program:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hogan's Heroes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hogan's_Heroes)

I remember watching it in reruns as a child. A few weeks ago, I was home from work during the day with an ailment and found that it was being shown again on TVLand. In this particular episode, Colonel Hogan and Corporal LeBeau stowed away in the commandants car on a trip to Paris to meet with members of the French Underground Resistance. I was not paying much attention to the episode until Colonel Hogan

instructed Corporal Newkirk to print up some French money for the trip. I quickly turned on my DVR to record the rest of the episode in hopes of catching a glimpse of the counterfeit money.

As they are preparing to leave the camp, there is a quick scene in which Newkirk hands the money to Hogan.

Although it was not a close up, there was enough detail to see that it was obviously stage money that bore little resemblance to the notes of the Bank of France that would have been in circulation at the time. They also did not resemble the Reichskreditkassenschein that the Germans used as occupation currency in France early in the war. Nevertheless, the notes did look familiar and I had seen them somewhere before.

Fast forward to Thanksgiving weekend. I was sorting through a pile of miscellaneous notes that I had acquired some time ago including an envelope of stage money. There was the note that I had seen in the Hogans Heroes episode in my own collection. A scan of it can be seen [HERE: scan0001.jpg](#). Curiously, although it does not look similar to the notes that would have been in circulation in France during World War II, it does look similar to the MPC Series 481 \$1.00 note.

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#### CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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By what other name was/is Portuguese East Africa known.

Answer next time.

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#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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Many of us collect souvenir cards. There is a show each year in which a souvenir card is issued and the card is different from what we normally see in souvenir cards. What is different about the card and what show are we talking about?

ANSWER:

The CPMX Show because we allways use a real Bank Note on the card.

Brian Giese

ANSWER:

I am really guessing when I say the BEP at the ANA shows as they are a limited issue and printed at the show.

Bill Myers

Unless you have attended the CPMX show or are familiar with the cards this is somewhat of a tough question. Brian Giese is correct and he should be, because he issues the card - Ed.

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EDITORIAL

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Joe Boling asks if I know why he got three copies of the last Gram. A number of you also wrote in to say they received three copies. After the Gram was composed it was sent to binhost for publication and when I went to send it out it wasn't there so I sent it again, and when that one wasn't there I sent it a third time. When I tried again on Wednesday morning it was where it is supposed to be and it was sent. Obviously so were the other two copies. I have no explanation, but I do plead guilty to the date typo and to not adding Ron Waddell's email and snail mail addresses (Ron, please send it again) to his stamp offering.

Jim Downey sent a scan of the note referred to in his feature. It was downloaded and copied and put into the article. We are not supposed to be able to do that. Let's see if it works.

Ed Beaman has some kind words of appreciation and I think we can all take some credit since the Gram comes from subscriber input. Thank you Ed. There are a couple of features in waiting and a some new things as well. We can also look forward to the next TWIRR, which is number 23. Stay tuned.

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Dear Editor,

When I got the Gram three times, I figured the last one(s) were going to have the correct date - but no, I got three copies for some other reason. Do you know what it was?

Joe Boling

Dear Editor,

In response to Jim Knoll question on military money orders I did not see them in use in Iraq. I have asked someone in Iraq to check the Post Office to see if they do sell money orders. The PX had a Western Union office and that is how people sent money home. The military has direct deposit (mandatory) so the military do not get paid in theater. To get cash you go to the finance office and cash a check or draw money off your pay. There is not a lot of need for cash as meals and lodging are provided and the AAFES facilities take credit cards. Only the Hadji shops on base require cash. There was not a town for me to go into to shop. It was too dangerous. There are shops in the International Zone but I never got there. I will let the gram know what I find out about postal money orders.

Bill Myers

Dear Editor,

In the next few days Gram #1750 will be published. This should be considered a landmark. With only 250 to go, to reach the magic "2000". I wish to congratulate [the Gram] for a job well done. I thank you for the continuing subject matter and interesting dialog. We will rejoice in the "2000th" Gram. It is my guess it will be sent out on or about Sept. 23, 2009.

Respect,  
Ed Beaman

Dear Editor,

I E-mailed Cindy [at FUN] and she has reserved room 321 from Noon to 1 pm on Sat 10 Jan 2009 for a mini-fest at FUN and it will be in the program.

Bill Myers

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Trading Cards,  
by Bill Myers

I recently went through boxes I had stored at my mothers house. Some of the items I saved were from the 1960s. I found two trading cards that I had saved. They were copyrighted by T.C.G. The interest to the gram readers is that they are WWII related. They are called Battle Cards. I have # 26 & # 33. They most definitely were from a different era, and could not be issued in todays politically correct environment.

Number 26 is titled BLASTING THE NAZIS. The text reads: In June of 1939, the German Army marched into France. Karl Hoffman, a Nazi General was especially surly and harsh to the French civilians. One of the first acts of the secret French underground was to mark Hoffman for death. The patriots knew that the General spent half an hour every day at a sidewalk caf, drinking with several of his officers. Plotting Hoffmans assassination, one man volunteered to drive the car, while two others would serve as executioners. Driving past the caf where the General lunched, the patriots blasted Hoffman and his aides. The angered Nazis rounded up 150 Frenchmen and had them killed in retaliation for the bold assassination. The other side of the card has a rendering of the assassination.

Number 33 is titled NAZI TERROR. The text reads: Where is your husband, barked a Nazi at the French woman. Her young son stood at her side. He is working on the farm, was the nervous reply. Are you sure he isnt out shooting at German soldiers? asked the second Nazi. The young boy broke loose from his mother and punched at the German with his fists. Leave my mommy alone, you big bully. The tall German grabbed the boy by the neck and the French woman reached for a kitchen knife. However, a warning shot from the rifle of the other Nazi stopped the fracas. See that your husband stays on the farm and does not aid the French resistance, said the Germans as they left. The other side of the card pictures the mother and her boy involved in a fracas with two German soldiers. There was still enough ill will toward Germany in the 1960s that such cards were sold to children and no one complained.

[I would venture a guess that even today there is still enough ill will toward the Nazis, although "political correctness" would enter into the situation - Ed.]

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What are white notes?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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By what other name was/is Portuguese East Africa known.

ANSWER:  
Is it Mozambique?  
Steve Jinks

ANSWER:  
Mozambique  
Bill Myers

Mozambique it is - Ed.

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EDITORIAL

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The scan in Jim Downey's feature did not make it through. This is unfortunate as others have sent in scans for publications but I have no way of attaching them to Grams.

Don Kolkman reports a Winterhilfswerk piece as did Bill Myers prior in answer to a question. I was able to print out both scans. They share a common reverse, a swastika with two hands superimposed, one hand holding an ear of wheat and the other holding a bowl and "wir helfen" around the rim. On Bill's piece there is the familiar German eagle with a swastika inside a wreath and the denomination "2 S" on either side. The rim inscription reads "Wuntergukfswerk Tirol" Don's piece has the denomination of "10S" under the wreath and the inscription reads "winterhilfswerk/ n.s.d.a.p./gau wein". Both are nice pieces.

Nick Schrier also sent in a scan of a 1945 Canadian V nickel. "We win when we work willingly" is on the edge in Morse code.

David Seelye provided a nice description of his UNRRA note, but seeing the orange and red printing says it so much better.

It would also be nice to actually see the trading cards mentioned in Bill Myers' feature. The question has been asked before: are there any computer types out there with the ability to put scans into the Gram? So far there have been no takers. We will continue to describe the scans and attachments as they come in.

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Dear Editor,  
While scouring Quoc's (saigoncoin@cs.com) junk boxes one day while waiting for him to finish business for the day so we could go eat, I found a large VERY well worn 64.3 grams, 49.97mm diameter and 4.12mm thick bronze medal that was obviously French. When I flipped it over, I gulped. I could barely read the Vietnamese name; Son Von; his rank of Sergeant, and his serial number of 1A\_1004 on it, but it was definitely a WWI French Victory Medal given out to every French military person who fought in that war! Some Vietnamese were in German POW camps. I wonder what the Germans thought of them. Contact me via email (hadaniel3@msn.com) to receive a copy of the image, if you are interested in seeing it.  
The Master Sergeant Daniel in Viet Nam

Dear Editor,  
Here is a scan of a 10 Schilling Winterhelfswerk Coin I recently acquired.  
It is from the Allgu region near Vienna  
Don Kolkman

Dear Editor,  
Time to get your \$1 paper money packs before the coin Nazis win and do away with them in the name of "change"!!! Anybody ever carried 25 or more \$1 coins around? Or how about a "brick" of 4000? The "savings" from the longer lifetime of coins will be more than outweighed by the extra, awful shipping weight, cut pants' pockets, dirt rings, wasted time in/out of your pockets through airport security and just plain inconvenience of carrying of these miserable coins around. This will kill any real "benefits". Listen for the chortles of the SS

metal Nazis!!!! I always carry 20-30 \$'s for tips and minor things to buy while on trips.

Look at all the wasted state quarters!! Look at the presidential coins nobody wants. And what is the mint going to do next?? More trash coins to be minted!!!

The seignorage is incredible!!!!

Dollar coins don't circulate because nobody wants the damn things...for many of the reasons above US paper money is used exclusively in at least one South American country because a friend of mine gets stars, errors etc from a dealer who liberates them back here.

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Book Review,

by Dave Frank

A new book titled Das Geld des Terrors Geld und Geldersatz in deutschen Konzentrationslagern und Gettos 1933 bis 1945 went on sale October 2008 in Germany. In English The Money of the Terror Money and Money Replacement in German Concentration Camps and Ghettos 1933-1945. The book is written by Hans-Ludwig Grabowski and is published by Battenberg Verlag, Regenstauf. I obtained a copy last week from a dealer in Hamburg that listed it on EBay. The 456 page hardbound book is written in German with numerous color photos of Concentration Camp and Ghetto scrip along with many documents artifacts and pictures of the camps. The fantastic collection of scrip illustrated is primarily from the collection of Wolfgang Haney of Berlin. There are 27 chapters each one representing a camp or ghetto. The last chapter is of particular interest with information and illustrations of fantasy and counterfeit issues. The chapters begin with a rather detailed discussion of the history and details of the operation of the camps and ghettos. The next section of the chapter contains illustrations and description of scrip from that camp including varieties. There are many pictures of scrip that has probably never been seen before including a 1 RM note from Natweiler. This note is attributed to the Charlton Meyer Jr. collection (Steve and Ray I thought only a .50 RM note was known). There is also a section on anti-Semitic not-geld and message over printed notes. Prices are listed for lower priced issues and the R rarity scale similar to the Albert Pick Das Lagergeld book with R being rare and RRRR probably unique. I found this book to be an excellent resource (especially if you can read German) and a must along with Silent Witness by Ray and Steve Feller for everyone interested in this area of military numismatics. Even if German is not your second language the scrip listings are pretty easy to understand. The fixed price of the book in Germany is 39,90 EUR. Shipping to the USA ranges from 9-13 EUR. German Amazon and many German book dealers on EBay have it for sale.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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What are white notes?

ANSWER:

White uniface notes issued by Great Britain issued by the Bank of England that Operation Bernhard counterfeited.

Bill Myers

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EDITORIAL

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"White notes" came up in a conversation with Joe Boling at the ANA last summer when we were discussing note holders. Joe prefers a larger than normal holder which, among other advantages, holds white notes. Now at the time I didn't know what white notes were and it seemed apparent from Joe's tone that the term was/is in common use. Needless to say I found out what it meant. The point here is that there is always something to learn. Today's mail reflects that.

I was also unaware of Robert Cleary's interment during the war and remarked that fact to my wife who happened to be in the room when I read Brent's letter. Seeing Brent was from Australia, she asked how many different countries are represented on the Gram mailing list. That is a good question and I'm not sure of the answer. So, subscribers, I think it would be cool to find out how many countries our Gram goes to, and while we are at it, are all fifty states represented. I'll give it a week or so and post the feedback

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Dear Editor,

During World War 2 Scottsbluff, Nebraska was the home of an Army Air Force Training base (C-47s and B-24s I think) and also had a German POW camp at the airport site. Many of the POW trustees worked on the local farms during the war. Some even returned here after being repatriated at war's end.

No one here seems to know, but has anyone ever seen any tokens or scrip from the POW Camp at Scottsbluff, Nebraska? Maybe someone can answer this question for

me. Thanks.  
Larry Gibbs  
Gering, NE  
[Dear Larry, A check of Campbell did not find  
Scottsbluff listed - Ed.]

Dear Editor  
Just a quick reply to say that I enjoyed Jim Downey's  
article on the above. In regards to " Corporal  
Louis LeBeau" of Hogan's Heroes ( real name Robert  
Cleary ) then perhaps no better person could have been  
slotted into this role as a WW II POW. Robert Cleary,  
a French national, was actually a POW and interred in  
Buchenwald Concentration Camp during WW II. That he  
survived and then went on to being an actor  
representing a POW in a TV Series is almost beyond  
belief but is a fact.  
Regards  
Brent Arthurson  
Perth, Western Australia

Dear Editor,  
When it became apparent I was not going to be visiting  
Bangkok Dec 11-15 for a show and auction because of  
the PAD demonstrators taking over the airports, Phung  
called United and changed my flight changed from  
leaving Bangkok to leaving Ho Chi Minh (Saigon) for my  
return to the USA. Business Class is full into  
January, but the first available Economy Plus seat is  
on Dec 20 so I am booked on that flight and I am on  
the wait list for my regular Business Class seat. Now  
I need to see if I can get my money back for my  
original return trip ticket!  
After I arrive back in Virginia, I will be VERY busy  
unpacking and repacking for my next trip, which is to  
the FUN Show and visiting places and people on my way  
south. On Jan 2, I will be headed for Fort Bragg, NC;  
Fort Gordon, GA; near Atlanta, GA, near Tallahassee,  
FL; near Gainesville, FL; and then on to the FUN Show  
in Orlando, FL. The fort stops are to make donations  
to the Special Forces and Signal Corps Museums. I  
will try to stop on my way back north to Virginia to  
see some other folks and places, but I might be  
receiving threatening telephone calls from "she who  
must be obeyed" to return NOW, so I do not want to  
plan anything at this time.  
The Master Sergeant Daniel in Viet Nam

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texascoins@comcast.net- [www.houstoncoinshow.org](http://www.houstoncoinshow.org)

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New York Inc, Waldorf Astoria - admission charge  
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kfoley2@wi.rr.com

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MINIFEST - 1200 to 1300 hrs. Room 321 Sat 10 Jan 09  
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Long Beach Coin Stamp and Collectibles Expo,  
Heritage Auction,  
February 5-7, 2009  
www.longbeachexpo.com

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March 5-8, 2009 admission charge  
Lyn Knight auction - possible minifest  
www.cpmxshow.com

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March 13-15, 2009  
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TWIRR #23  
by Fred Schwan

Better Bill than me! I read with interest Bill Meyer's report of finding the Battle Cards from his youth. Of course there there was not much of direct numismatic interest in his report, still, there was plenty of interest. There is also the possibility that among the unknown number of cards is a scene and commentary on payday parades, rationing, or even occupation (or other) money. However, the part that I note in particular is the numbers. Sets with numbers like these Battle Cards cry to be collected. Even if you could find a full set of the cards, it would not be as much fun as collecting them! So Bill has two of the cards. Sounds like a good start. I did a little eBay search and found number 5. Here is the link:

[http://cgi.eBay.com/BATTLE-CARDS-Topps-1965-COLLISION-IN-THE-SKY-5\\_W0QQitemZ360110479288QQihZ023QQcategoryZ156521QQssPageNameZWd1VQQrdZ1QQcmdZViewItemQQ\\_trksidZp1638Q2em118Q2el1247](http://cgi.eBay.com/BATTLE-CARDS-Topps-1965-COLLISION-IN-THE-SKY-5_W0QQitemZ360110479288QQihZ023QQcategoryZ156521QQssPageNameZWd1VQQrdZ1QQcmdZViewItemQQ_trksidZp1638Q2em118Q2el1247).

I did not work very hard at finding this. I suspect that you can find some more of these on eBay right now. Certainly over the next year, Bill (or Kathy) could find quite a few of these.

More Gram commentary. Say, was that book review by David Frank great, or what. Really wonderful. I have always felt that book reviews could be a strong feature of the Gram. Sure, at most we probably could not have more than three or four HUNDRED reviews a year. OK, I am exaggerating. Nonetheless, we can have more than it might seem at first consideration. Typically we think of review for new books, and that is the classic situation, but there are many other possibilities. First, older and even very old numismatic books can be reviewed. In this case the review should include information on current relevance of the book. In an area where I seem to have written ore reviews than anyone else is he area of general history books. Of course, such a review to be included in the Gram should (must?) include some numismatic information. However, there is almost always something of numismatic interest. In a stretch there is sort of the negative report. For example, if The Longest Day does not include any commentary or description on supplemental francs, that is an oversight that should be discussed (or at least mentioned).

I am reading Operation Drumbeat right now. It is the account of the German submarine operation against the east coast of the US in Early 1942. Not much to report numismatically in the first 250 pages--but some. I am not going to do that report now, but you will read about it when I finish you can be sure.

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Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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There were no answers to the previous question so we will leave it up. HINT: The answer is not in Remembered.

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EDITORIAL

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Regarding Fred's TWIRR, there was an incident with a numismatic reference involving a U Boat that occurred in 1942 in New York. We will wait until Fred finishes his book to see if it is reported there.

I did get a bit of a laugh at Joe's comment about carrying around \$25-\$30 worth of singles. I have commented prior about carrying around change in my pocket - I try to avoid it - so I would have a problem with the elimination of the dollar bill. My practice is to spend paper and at the end of the day take all my pocket change and put it into a change organizer. When there are enough rolls, I turn them in at the bank and make a checking deposit so I can buy banknotes. It's kind of like a forced savings and I don't jingle when I walk. Besides, here in Saint James, dollar coins and two dollar notes are rarely seen. In fact the last time I asked for twos at the bank they could not help me.

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Dear Editor,

Nick Schrier's lament about metallic dollars just wrings my heart. He's probably the only guy on earth who carries \$25-30 singles around for tips. Nick, you might as well trade up to \$2 bills - the \$1 is worthless. No industrialized country in the world still prints a piece of paper worth as little. The lowest paper in Euro-using countries is worth about \$6.50. In the UK it was \$10, but has fallen back to about \$8. In Canada it was \$5, but has fallen back to about \$4. In Japan it's over \$10.

I carry two half-dollars and 4-8 dollar coins every day (the number of dollars depends on how many quarters are cluttering up my coin purse). That weighs all of four ounces (with the quarters) - far less than the total of other junk in my pockets. I also carry 3-7 \$2 notes for intermediate purchases. Recipients love 'em - including the coins. I have never had one refused.



The only reason we still have paper dollars is the senior senator from Massachusetts (where the paper is made) and the union in the Treasury Department (where the notes are printed). Changing to \$2 or \$5 notes will not cost very much in paper output or jobs. It's time to move away from the 19th century.  
Joe Boling

Dear Editor,  
I have put the Mini-Fest in my FUN Show agenda and will attend it. Thank you Bill Myers for putting it on. I hope Ray Bows brings Pia to it to greatly dress up the room. But then Ray would have to leave the room for everyone to enjoy the Fest.  
The PAD demonstrators finally left the Bangkok airports and full operation is predicted around the 10th or later but the government representatives will elect a new prime minister on Dec 8. If the PAD does not like him, they will start demonstrating again. So I just cancelled my Dec 11-15 visit there and will fly out of Viet Nam on the 20th for the USA. The PAD is not pro-Thai people or pro-King.....it is a cover for the very Leftist regime they would like to set up without elections!  
The Master Sergeant Daniel in Viet Nam

Dear Editor,  
So what IS a 'white' note?  
William E. Yanchick  
[Dear Bill, a white notes are uni-face Bank of England issues printed on white paper. The most famous examples are the Bernhard Forgeries. See Pick 335 in Volume 2 - Ed.]

Dear Editor,  
What happened to MPCGram 1750?  
Regards  
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[It was sent out through normal channels. It was sent to you again - sorry for any mix up - Ed.]

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A NEW DISCOVERY? DOES FRED HAVE ONE? I WANT ONE.  
by Ron Waddell

While looking through some WWII related listings on Ebay I saw a listing for the Channel Islands-Jersey of a SOLDATENHEIM/ST. HELIER/3RM with a Nazi emblem. It was 1 3/8 inches square and I had never seen one. The starting price was \$49.95 with no bids. Rare? A new discovery? I looked in WWII Remembered but nothing was listed for such an item. I looked in a German/English dictionary and figured out that soldatenheim meant soldiers home. I next tried Google, searching for Soldatenheim St. Helier and the first listing was borghild.de. I clicked it and wow - the best kept secret of WWII. This wasnt the 3 RM token but something better. Only one specimen minted and its been missing since WWII. Does Fred have it? (Fred has one of everything, doesnt he?) Is he a part of the

conspiracy to keep this rare beauty a secret and out of the hands of us old veterans?

Go to [www.borghild.de/](http://www.borghild.de/) and get the full story. I never did find out just what this location had to do with Soldatenheim St. Helier but didnt really care and quickly lost interest in the 3 RM token. (However, if someone can tell me about this 3 RM it would be appreciated)

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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How many different Japanese puppet banks were set up in China?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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Civilian Internment Camps held alien civilians from belligerent countries who were living in the United States, Hawaii, Panama and Puerto Rico at the outbreak of hostilities. Civilians from what other two countries were also held?

ANSWER:

I believe Australia, Canada and Great Brtiaiin housed civilians from belligerant countries.  
Bill Myers

ANSWER:

Peru, South America  
Feller & Feller page 140  
Frank Clark

ANSWER:

I recently gave a program to a local coin club on Japanese Internment Camps run by the US Department of Justice. There were Japanese civilians from 12 Latin American countries with 80% from Peru. There were also German and Italian aliens from Central and South America as well. The Crystal City and Seagoville tokens were used in two of these camps. I will do a little research and see if I can come up with all 12 countries.  
Dave Frank

I had been looking at a copy of Campbell when I found this question. Look on page 185 where Costa Rica and



Guatemala are mentioned. Campbell also says civilians were held in camps separate from POWs. Frank Clark refers to Feller&Feller page 140 where it states that many Japanese were interned in South America, primarily in Peru and were subsequently moved to Seagoville, Texas - Ed.

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EDITORIAL

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We have had a couple of responses to the question as to where Gram recipients live but no one from overseas has sent in a letter. We are keeping track and will report progress in a couple of weeks.

I tried to find the 3RM item Ron referred to in his article but was unable to do so. I also went to [www.borghild.de/](http://www.borghild.de/). What I found had very little, if anything, to do with numismatics. Perhaps Ron can provide the eBay item number of the 3RM piece, or a little more data or point out where I went wrong.

Kim sent an update list of registered Festers for Fest X. The Gram list has been updated. We are only about four months away!

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Dear Editor,

I certainly got the same thought as Fred about collecting the trading cards and wish I was so smart in the 1960s and had the funds. I think they cost 5-10 cents a pack. A 25 cents a week allowance did not go too far.

Bill Myers

Dear Editor,

I am far away from my safes but somewhere in one of them I have a Battle Card showing the dumping of the silver coins into Manila Bay; shipping some to Australia on a sub, or the recovery of them after the war. It has been a long time since I last saw it so I cannot exactly remember the scene/information on it. So there is at least one with a numismatic "interest," as Fred phrased it. But I do remember finding it in a glass-top case in a small antique mall somewhere in the USA, because I would not have been looking at these cards on eBay.

The Master Sergeant Daniel in Viet Nam

Dear Editor,

Thought I would pass this by the gramsters before I post it in a blog.....my copy of "WW II Remembered" is still buried in a box somewhere. Condition is a really nice VF.

One of the more unusual banknotes I acquired years ago has a light purple circular overprint of the "Administration Communale Burgermeisteramt of BOURG-REULAND" around the royal arms of Belgium in the watermark area at left of a German 50 Reichsmark dated 1933, catalog # 182a. I do not recall reading any articles for this type of local overprinting but I would assume these were applied soon after the allied armies liberated this area.

Colin Bruce

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Soldatenheim/St. Heller 3RM  
by Greg Fedner

The token "SOLDATENHEIM/ST. HELIER/3RM" that Ron Waddell is describing in his posting, is one of a series of twelve tokens which most likely are post-WWII fantasies. These tokens first appeared in the 1970's in California. I've been told that they had not been observed in Channel Islands during WWII. There was an article published in April 1984 in the TAMS Journal ("Token and Medal Society") by Al Zalka, named "Jersey Isles Fakes", which describes these 12 tokens, including the subject one. Mr. Zalka was of the opinion that these tokens are fantasies, or "fakes", as he called them. The other 11 include: Das Forum Kino Ausweis, 1CWT of Unground Wheat-Revenue Paid, Brot, Soldatenheim StBrelades 3 RM, St. Peters Port Free Milk One Pint, Permitted to Grow 150 Tobacco Plants, 5 RM Jersey, Organisation TODT Ausweis, Organisation TODT 5RM, International Red Cross Parcel Guernsey, Soldatenheim StHelier und StBrelades 25RM. I have 10 of these 12 tokens in my collection.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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What other fantasy pieces are mentioned in Remembered?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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How many different Japanese puppet banks were set up in China?

ANSWER:

I came up with Central Bank of Manchou, Chi-tung Bank, Chanan Bank, Meng Chiang Bank, Federal Reserve Bank of China, Hua Hsing Commercial Bank, Central Reserve Bank of China. I know some are short lived and merged into others.

Bill Myers

What is the answer you were looking for the last question?

[Dear Bill, see Dave Frank's letter below and look in a copy of Campbell page 185 - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

The twelve Latin American countries that deported resident enemy aliens to US internment camps are Bolivia, Columbia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, and Peru.

Dave Frank

[Pick and Remembered list the seven banks mentioned by Bill Myers. Another bank, the Amoy Industrial Bank is believed to be another puppet bank set up by the Japanese - Ed.]

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EDITORIAL

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We had a number of responses to Ron's Token question. Thanks to all for responding.

Why make fantasies or fakes? The obvious answer is to take advantage of those who do not know any better, in other words greed. Another question comes to mind and that is despite the fact that these are fakes are they collectible? The answer is yes as long as we realize what we are collecting and, like Bill Myers mentions, not overpaying for them. I was able to print out a page with pictures of all the tokens and they would make a nice set.

I'm sure Ron is happy not to have paid almost \$50 for fake piece that's worth a lot less.

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Dear Editor,

Can you give me Dave Franks email address? These DOJ Interment Camps have long been of interest to me. I'd like to get his presentation, if possible.

P.S. My ankle is getting better every day. I have finished my hospital PT program and am now exercising it on my own. I have to learn to walk properly!

Warner Talso

wtalso@aol.com

Dear Editor,

In response to Daniel's comment about minifest at the FUN show - He will not be the only retired Master Sergeant there. No matter what the schedule Pia and I will be there, if for nothing else than to ruin Howard's Fun.

In Brotherhood,

Ray Bows

Master Sergeant II

Dear Editor (and Ron)

You found one of the Jersey Isles fantasy tokens.

There are 12 of these, and they are written up in TAMS Journal, April 1984. There is a mention of them, but no descriptions, at the bottom of page 757 in WWIIR.

Cheers,

Sparky Watson

Dear Editor,

[The token Ron referred to] is in the book (Belgian town stamps on German notes, pp35-38). New reports always welcome.

I also could not find the St. Helier 3RM piece on eBay, but if this was a metallic token, see the note at the bottom of page 757 of SB.

Joe Boling

Dear Editor,

I believe the 3RM token Ron is referring to is a fantasy. I have one from Guernsey and one from Jersey. They are mentioned as existing in WWIIR. I paid \$2-5 for them and would not pay \$50.

Bill Myers

Dear Editor,

The Jersey token Ron Waddell highlighted in his article in Gram 1753 is a fantasy. There is a series

of fantasy tokens for the German occupation of the Channel Islands. Attached is an article from the TAMS Journal in 1984 that discusses these tokens. I found the article in Ebay item 200285042116.  
Jim Downey

Dear Editor,  
My google found this listing on the 1st try:  
Guernsey & Sark Tokens including spurious tokens of the Channel Islands occupation 1940-45  
[www.guernsey.net/~sgibbs/numismatics/tokens.html](http://www.guernsey.net/~sgibbs/numismatics/tokens.html)  
Don Kolkman

Dear Editor,  
This item includes an article from the TAMS Journal about these fakes:  
[http://cgi.ebay.com/Fake-St-Helier-Occupied-Channel-Islands-25-RM-Token-WW2\\_W0QQitemZ190272111773QQcmdZViewItemQQptZUK\\_Coins\\_Tokens\\_RL?hash=item190272111773&\\_trksid=p3286.m63.11177](http://cgi.ebay.com/Fake-St-Helier-Occupied-Channel-Islands-25-RM-Token-WW2_W0QQitemZ190272111773QQcmdZViewItemQQptZUK_Coins_Tokens_RL?hash=item190272111773&_trksid=p3286.m63.11177)  
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[kfoley2@wi.rr.com](mailto:kfoley2@wi.rr.com)

54th Annual FUN Convention, Orange County Convention Center, FL  
January 8-11, 2009 - [dweller@embarqmail.com](mailto:dweller@embarqmail.com)-  
MINIFEST - 1200 to 1300 hrs. Room 321 Sat 10 Jan 09  
[www.funtopics.com](http://www.funtopics.com)

Long Beach Coin Stamp and Collectibles Expo,  
Heritage Auction,  
February 5-7, 2009  
[www.longbeachexpo.com](http://www.longbeachexpo.com)

15th Chicago Pape Money Expo (CPMX), Rosemont, IL,  
March 5-8, 2009 admission charge  
Lyn Knight auction - possible minifest  
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ANA National Money Show, Portland, OR  
March 13-15, 2009  
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Annual Money Show March 20, 21, 22, 2009  
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Contact Lee Quast - [amerishow@gmail.com](mailto:amerishow@gmail.com)

Baltimore Coin & Currency Convention  
March 26-28, 2009  
Boweres and Merena Auction  
[www.info@whitmanexpo.com](http://www.info@whitmanexpo.com)

"Maastricht"- Paper Money Fair - Maastricht ,  
Valkenburg, Netherlands April 3-5, 2009  
info: Jos F.M.Eijsermans - "Eijsermans Events" - phone  
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Santa Clara, CA Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Expo  
April 2-5, 2009  
Superior Auction  
[www.santaclaraexpo.com](http://www.santaclaraexpo.com)

34th Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), Rosemont,  
IL  
April 23-26, 2009 admission charge  
Ponterio & Associates Auction - possible minifest  
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Long Beach Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Expo  
May 28-30, 2009  
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Memphis, TN  
June 26-28, 2009  
Spink-Smythe Auction, Exhibits  
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June 25-28, 2009 - admission charge  
[www.midamericacoinexpo.com](http://www.midamericacoinexpo.com)

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Palm Beach  
July 9-11, 2009  
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ANA World's Fair of Money, Los Angeles, CA  
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Book Review  
KREUGERS MEN  
The Secret Nazi Counterfeit Plot and the Prisoners of  
Block 19,  
By Lawrence Malkin  
Little, Brown & Company, New York, 2006    287 pages

by Bill Myers

On Sept 18, 1939 with WWII about 2 weeks old, the  
Germans had a discussion on counterfeiting British

banknotes to destabilize the British economy. Reinhard Heydrich was fascinated by counterfeit schemes and Operation Andreas was launched. Dr. Albert Langer built the operation from the ground up reproducing paper, watermarks and images. The operation released some counterfeit notes but failed because of the Nazi bureaucracy.

Counterfeiting the currency of the enemy was not just a German idea. In 1939 Winston Churchill proposed counterfeiting German marks and dropping them over Germany to destroy the economy. The plan was not carried out due to fear of retaliation and was not felt appropriate for the British, even though they counterfeited US colonial notes during the revolutionary war. John Steinbeck brought Dr. Melvin Knisely to FDR to suggest counterfeiting German marks to drop over Germany. The idea did not meet approval. It was felt scarcity in Germany was due to rationing, not lack of money. Gen. Douglas MacArthur requested and received 10 million counterfeit pesos in Philippine JIM.

Bernhard Krueger, an obscure SS officer who later called himself the greatest counterfeiter the world has ever known was trained as a mechanic and engineer. He was accepted into the Nazi party and SS in 1931. In July 1941 he was placed in charge of the SS Foreign Intelligence Services Forgery Department (foreign passports and identity papers) Section VIF-4. In 1942 Krueger was given the assignment to set up a secret printing plant at KZ (concentration camp) Sachsenhausen and choose workers from amongst the Jewish prisoners. It was named Operation Bernhard and set up in Block (Barracks) 19. Krueger picked prisoners with printing experience for the task. To complete his task he had to duplicate the paper and watermark, identify the coded numbering system and identify the secret mark that the British used on their notes. There were over 150 different marks used over the years and they varied after each run (100,000 notes). But Krueger was successful and at the peak from mid 1943 to mid 1944 his team was producing 650,000 notes per month in denominations of 5, 10, 20 and 50 pounds. Nine million notes with a value of 132 million pounds were produced. The operation was so secret that when two of the guards from Block 19 were on leave in Berlin and bedded the lonely wives of officers at the front and boasted about their work, they were arrested by the Gestapo and one was shot and the other received a 15-year prison term or transfer to the Russian front.

The notes had to be distributed and this job fell on Friedrich Paul Schwend. He set up a team that would exchange the notes for items to help the Reichs war effort. He received at least six million pounds (\$24

million). A large number passed through Swiss banks and they got stuck with over 1 million Bernhard notes. Elyesa Bazna was an Albanian Turk who was the valet to Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, the British Ambassador in Turkey. He managed to copy the keys to the ambassadors safe and photographed secret and most secret documents which he sold to the Franz von Papen, the German ambassador in Turkey. He was code named Cicero and copied 130-150 documents and was paid 300,000 pounds for them. Most of the money was Bernhard counterfeits. Fortunately for the Allies no critical information was sold by Cicero.

Operation Bernhard notes equaled 13% of the 1 billion of real pound notes in circulation. After D-Day, work in Block 19 was focused on counterfeiting US dollars. Since US notes are made by the intaglio method it would take months to learn the technique and engrave plates that a technique called phototype of collotype was used. Others were recruited in this effort including notorious Russian counterfeiter Smolianoff. The Dollar Group, as they were known, did their best to delay the production of the notes. Due to fears that block 19 would be bombed, the equipment and personnel were moved to Mauthausen for a few weeks then moved to Redl-Zipf in Austria, which is where V2 rockets were assembled. Late April 1944 was the last time they saw Kreuger and when he drove off that was the end of Operation Bernhard. The printing equipment and a large amount of the currency were dumped into lakes Traunsee and Toplitzsee. The prisoners were moved to a concentration camp at Ebensee to be executed, but the camp was liberated prior to that happening. The epilogue in the book describes the post war lives of some of the key players.

Lawrence Malkin did extensive research (42 pages of footnotes) and did a great job of separating fact from fiction. I found the book to be fascinating reading as it incorporated my interest in WWII and numismatics. It will be a keeper in my numismatic library.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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The editorial mentions Sir Charles Vyner Brooke. What was his title and how did he come by it?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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What other fantasy pieces are mentioned in Remembered?

ANSWER:

Manchukuo 1 ch'ien & 1 yen (WWIIR p 669), fantasy stamps on Philippine JIM (629-630), Oceania 1/4 shilling JIM note (p621), fantasy Malaya JIM (p613) are some, I am sure there are more.

Bill Myers

[Bill found the ones I was looking for and he is correct in that there are more - Ed.]

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EDITORIAL

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Books like the one in Bill's feature and the German language book on concentration camp notes are what we had in mind for Gram book reviews. Both submissions would be nice additions to our personal libraries.

Along these same lines the 1988 set of Scott Postage Stamp catalogs I was able to get a while back has come in handy in identifying some new World War II related postal issues. Colin Bruce reports on a website in his letter and Fred mentioned MAR Historical which deals in German stamp issues. Both are worthwhile sites.

A recent addition to the WW II philatelic collection is a complete set BMA overprints from Sarawak. The set consists of twenty brightly colored stamps (Scott 135-154) featuring a vignette of Sir Charles Vyner Brooke. This same portrait is on a ten-cent small change emergency note, SB4801. The stamps are part of the Nielsen collection and came from Ray Czahor.

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Dear Editor,

I printed the list of fantasy tokens that was mentioned in the last gram. I have the Jersey 5 RM, listed as number 8, in brass (as listed) and in copper. It looks like there are 12 types but there is at least a variety of one due to being made of a different metal.

Bill Myers

Dear Editor,

If my memory serves me correctly (with a burp every now and then), this was part of a series of fantasy tokens made up in the 1970's. This was one of a series of "Channel Island" tokens made of base metal and sold through various trade publications such as "Antique trader" and "Shotgun News". Included were tokens for the Cinema, Red Cross tokens and so forth. Whoever came up with them must have sold quite a few since these had not been seen up to that time and anything new became "collectible". These still turn up on occasion at gun shows, military shows and on the Internet.

Holiday Wishes,  
Dennis Earle.

Dear Editor,

I received Gram 1754 and that was quite a response to my question. Looks like I'm the only one who wasn't familiar with the tokens. One reason I didn't see anything in WWII Rem is St. Helier is part of Jersey, I didn't look in the Guernsey section. (Or maybe it was just that first reference I found in Google - I didn't read the whole article but thought they may have minted tokens like we had in the old West, a numismatic connection)

The eBay lot for the token was #360111565037 (no bids at \$49.99). I saw another #380085474535 (no bids at \$29.99).

I think it's really great that so many took time to provide the answers. Thanks, to them and the Gram.  
Ron Waddell

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The "It's in the book" comment referred to the Belgian note, as expanded in the parenthetical phrase following. I was not talking about the token until the second paragraph.

Joe Boling

[Apologies for the screw up - Ed.]

Dear Editor,

A good source [for WW II philatelics] is  
[www.thestampcenter.com](http://www.thestampcenter.com)

In their upcoming sale:

300 censored covers WW II nice mix see lot # 123

Germany 800 covers 19/20 century - 1940 lot # 131

Switzerland 61 Feldpost covers WW I & WW II

w/military stamps see lot # 155

Burma 1937 - 2000 stamps and covers including Japanese

Occupation see lot # 1039

That is it for starters...

Cheers,

Colin Bruce

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Australian War Savings  
by Fred Schwan

We have made a little breakthrough on Australian war finance. I do not know if it is good or bad news that some of it was right before our noses. Nonetheless it is great information. The only financial issues that we listed in Remembered 1 (and the circulating draft) are two issues of war savings certificates (the two issues are divided numismatically--not historically). War savings certificates in Australia and most places were for low level savings. It is (and has been) clear that Australia also had larger bond issues. Unfortunately, we have not been able to find any examples--or even information on any such issues. In the last few days I was doing some research on Australia in WWII.

The first exciting thing that I found was a photograph of a new born baby being given a war bond. More specifically, it was something called an Austerity Bond. The title sounds something like a WWII bond, but it could also have been a Depression era item. Jumping ahead a little I found that the Austerity Bonds were issued in November 1942. That clinched it for me that the Austerity Loan issue was indeed a World War II issue and worthy of inclusion in Remembered 2. Somehow, I found in my files a photocopy of a table from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in the Second World War (no author given, published by John Sands Pty, 1947). I have this book. At least I believe that I do, but of course I cannot find it. (I ordered the cheapest one listed at

Amazon.com and there are a few left if you want one). Anyway, I think that this copy came from Warner Talso or, possibly, Jim Downey. Somehow I had not fully appreciated the significance of this great table. For each of the SEVENTEEN (more on this later) issues listed, the following information is given: name of loan, rates of interest, date floated, cash applications (number and amount), and conversion applications (number and amount). The chart lists the issues in chronological order. I am going to change that around a little to give it to you in type order. In part this is an experiment for me to look at it in a little different way than the book did.

1st Liberty Loan (February 1942)  
2nd Liberty Loan (June 1942)  
3rd Liberty Loan (March 1943)  
4th Liberty Loan (Oct 1943)

1st Victory Loan (March 1944)  
2nd Victory Loan (Sep 1944)  
3rd Victory Loan (March 1945)  
4th Victory Loan (Sep 1945)

War and Works Loan (28,000,000 pounds) (Nov 1940)  
War and Works Loan (35,000,000 pounds) (April 1941)

1941 War and Conversion Loan (Oct 1941)  
1943 Conversion Loan (August 1943)  
1945 Conversion Loan (July 1945)

Austerity Loan (Nov 1942)

3.5% Loan, 1942-44 (Dec 1939)  
1945 and 1950-56 Loan (March 1940)  
1945 and 1950-56 War Loan (May 1940)

The order that I have listed them is in the approximate order of our likely interest based solely on the titles of the loans and I must admit that some of the titles are a bit bewildering. What is a conversion loan? The 1941 conversion loan uses war in the title, but the later two issues drop the war text. The list itself is formidable--seventeen issues. Wow. Consider also that we (I) do not know of a single example of one of these issues in a collection (hopefully I will be corrected on this observation--tomorrow!!). It gets worse (or better?). For all except the 1942-1944 loan, two interest rates and durations are listed! Likely that means that instead of seventeen issues, there are thirty-three types to collect. Oh my. Add to the thirty-three types, the likelihood of multiple denominations for each issue

and this is an amazing revelation. Say there were only three denominations on average and we have about 100 new items to collect.

Just to throw a little cold water on the matter, it is possible that some of the issues are not distinguishable except perhaps by date. The liberty and victory loans could be basically one issue each, like the United States using multiple loans simply for sale purposes (as opposed to Canada where each issue had unique bonds). The chart indicates the more liberal interpretation with a float date and amount for each numbered issue. Still, I believe that we need to see some issues to be sure.

I have a few other sort of random thoughts. It seems to me that the Australian bonds probably are the most extensive and complex of the issues of all of the Allies. Of course Japan had by far the most complex issues of the war and possibly the most complex imaginable. Until now, on the Allied side, the Canadians had the most complex issues. Given the extensive number of issues, it just does not seem possible that we have not seen any of these. Well, of course there are a few ways to look at this too. First, we expect the bond issues of the Allies to be much more rare because largely they were redeemed. In the case of England, paper bonds were not issued in favor of journal entries (and receipts--interesting collectibles in their own right). I expect that at least some of the issues discussed here had paper issues. Another possibility is that the bonds are so plain and the pertinent text (from our point of view) is so obscure that it just has not been noticed on bonds that are already in collections. Finally, it is altogether possible that at least some of these issues are known to the collecting community in Australia and that I am the one who is behind (I hope so). Well, that is about all that I can say for the moment. I look forward to comments.

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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Treasury awards were created in conjunction with war savings bonds. Name two themes used on the certificates.

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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The editorial mentions Sir Charles Vyner Brooke. What was his title and how did he come by it?

ANSWER:

Vyner was the white rajah of Sarawak, a title he obtained after his father's (Sir James) death.  
Bill & Kathy Myers

ANSWER:

He was the third "White Raja" of Sarawak. The Brooke family became the sultans of Sarawak for their help in suppressing a revolt in Brunei.  
Steve Jinks

The Brooke question was inspired by a newspaper clipping, probably from Linns Stamp News, that was in the envelope containing the Sarawak stamps. Nielsen had all his stamps along with any historical or relevant information in individual neatly marked envelopes. Vyner was the second son of the second raja, Charles Brooke (1868-1917) and inherited the title from him. Charles assumed the title of rajah upon the death of his uncle James Brooke who helped put down a revolt in 1839. His reward was the title of rajah. Vyner fled to Australia the beginning of WW II when the Japanese took control. After the war he ceded the administration to the British a move that was opposed by his nephew Anthony who began an anticolonialist movement which ultimately failed. Vyner died in 1963 - Ed.

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The idea of an MPCGram.com website as suggested by Dave Frank is certainly an appealing idea. The practicality poses a number of questions whose answers could be somewhat complicated. Previously we were able to post images and attachments on the papermoneyworld website. I spoke with Jim Downey last week and he suggested a site called PHOTOBUCKET. Pictures and attachments sent to MPCGram@yahoo.com could be uploaded to the site and a link posted in the Gram. Jim uses the site and says it works just fine. Use is at no charge (Fred liked that part a lot) and it would require a little bit more work getting the images there. There is one point I should make: anyone can access the site and conduct a search and see the images we post. I don't really see that as a problem, but I would want those of you submitting images to be aware of that fact. With some help from



my daughter I'm working on getting things going. Let me know what you think out there. Thanks to Dave and Jim for the input.

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I think that a possible solution to having scans available to subscribers would be to have either a photo site or a web site. A link to the site would be placed in the gram such as name of photo site/mpcgram or [www. Mpcgram.com](http://www.Mpcgram.com) which by the way is available. Subscribers would email their scans to you at [mpcgram@yahoo.com](mailto:mpcgram@yahoo.com) and you would upload them to the site and place them in a folder on the site named with the number of the gram that the information about them is printed in. The site would look similar to the one that Sparky used to display his bonds. Readers would be able to go to the site and open the folder of the gram that they are reading to see the scans. This system would require the editor additional work to upload the scans, but it is usually a drag and drop procedure. People would also have to avoid trying to send large files (2MB or higher) via email. I ran this by my daughter who is a graphic designer and she said it should work.

Dave Frank

Dear Editor,

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Bill Murray

[Dear Bill, Our subscription list has been updated to include your address - Ed.]

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TWIRR #25  
(This Week in Remembered Research)

Replacement Found  
by Fred Schwan

This is either my last column of 2008 or my first of 2009. In either case, I wish each of you a very good new year and look forward to another great one for our hobby.

If Ski predicts a record price for a military item, he might hit it in less than a week into the year! At FUN in Orlando Heritage will offer a North Africa Series 1934 \$10 replacement! This is one of the legendary rarities. Here is the description as it appears in the catalog (and on line):

\$10 1934 North Africa Silver Certificate.  
PMG Very Fine 25.

This is one of the fabled small size notes that causes a steady progression of lookers at auction viewing. For decades the only known 1934 North Africa \$10 star was the note long held in Jim Thompson's celebrated collection. This piece was the highlight of his small size holdings and it traded hands only after his untimely passing in 1998, when it sold privately for a price "in excess of \$50,000," according to the Oakes-Schwartz catalogue. That note now resides in the tightest of hands, and may not return to the market for the next generation, if indeed that soon. Including the ex-Thompson example, we can document a total of only three of these World War Two stars.

The next example to appear was in our September 2006 auction. That VF+ note went for a record \$120,750. The star note we offer tonight is the only example third-party graded by either of the two major services and all three known notes are roughly in the same grade. Tonight's attractive mid-grade example sports ideal colors for the grade, full margins, and sound paper and edges. This rare star note will certainly be the highlight of one determined collector's collection after the gavel falls.  
Estimate: \$125,000 - \$175,000.

The catalog description includes much interesting (and important) research information. Of course I can offer a few comments. First, the three serial numbers: \*01010309A (Heritage Sep 2006), \*01022296A (the Jan Heritage auction), \*01022388A (Thompson piece (according to Remembered)).

Secondly, I did not know Jim Thompson well, but I did know him. The first time that I met him was at an ANA convention in the 1970s. We were in the SPMC hospitality room (a good idea that has died). Jim was talking to Roy Pennel whom I knew only slightly

better. I was listening--and watching. As part of the discussion, Jim opened his brief case. My eyes bulged. He had stacks of brown back national bank notes. They might not have all been brown backs, but many were. There were certainly hundreds of brownies. At that time I was collecting MPC but I was not collecting all of the other things relating to World War II. I was looking for other things to collect. I was somewhat interested in nationals (still am). I did not know that I had just looked through a window into one of the great collections. I went away from that little meeting thinking that brown back nationals were much more common than I had thought. Ultimately, I learned from that chance meeting that advanced collectors should be careful of what they show newbies lest they be discouraged.

You can see the North African star at:  
[http://currency.ha.com/common/view\\_item.php?Sale\\_No=3504&Lot\\_No=13765&LotIdNo=137001&ts=off#Photo](http://currency.ha.com/common/view_item.php?Sale_No=3504&Lot_No=13765&LotIdNo=137001&ts=off#Photo)

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CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER  
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Today's questions come to us courtesy of David Klinger

Who was the only President to be awarded the Medal Of Honor? Who was the President who authorized this award?

Answer next time.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION  
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Treasury awards were created in conjunction with war savings bonds. Name two themes used on the certificates.

ANSWER:  
Walt Disney Characters and Li'l Abner Shmoos.  
Frank Clark

ANSWER:  
Disney characters & the Shmoo from Li'l Abner comic strip on the certificates. Minuteman on the medal.  
Bill & Kathy Myers

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EDITORIAL

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First some business news. The Gram has subscribed to Photobucket and a number of images have been uploaded. We are in the process of getting our "album" organized and hope to be able to provide links to the images in the near future. The process has been complicated by my computer, which seems to have a mind of its own. We are limping along two units, and the good news is I can get emails into the "old" one, but the bad news is I need the "good?" one to send out the Gram.

I received Herb Friedman's letter (see Mail Call) but was unable to send it out in a Gram. Since time was running out on the item, I placed a bid myself and was successful. I do have an advantage in situations like this since I am able to see the information prior to publication. So, in fairness to all, if anyone out there has an interest, please let me know and I'll put the check up for auction here in the Gram and all proceeds over cost will be donated to the scholarship fund.

We have some additions to the WANTED section. Please take a look. I would also ask those who submitted want ads and items for sale prior if they wish the ads to continue.

Finally, permit me to comment on the North African Star Note. The note, in any condition, is very desirable and would enhance any collection, but I can't see it as Very Fine. Now, I'm not a dealer, nor a professional grader, just a collector with an opinion which is based on a grading chart (from IBNS, I think) which describes a VF note as having "some crispness, three light vertical folds, faint light smudges or dirt". In my opinion, the note should be graded Fine. Other opinions are certainly welcome.

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Merry Christmas All,  
What all has happened, I'm not sure, but I'm glad to be back on the Gram's subscription list. Thanks for the email, and for the Grams from now on.  
May Christmas be a merry one and may 2009 be a happy New Year all year long.



Bill Murray

Dear Editor,

Attached for this first mailing will be a General Patton greeting to the troops. Hopefully, you can download this and the next email we will send with the back of it, which has a prayer. We want to thank you, and all the other contributors for your great work on the MPC Gram. We also want to wish all the people who get the Gram a Joyous, Happy, Safe, Healthy and Prosperous Holiday and New Year.

Warmest Wishes,

John and Nancy Wilson

Dear Editor,

Does anyone, aside from me, wonder what "TWIRR#24" stands for? I was told that he explained it with his first TWIRR, but that acronym just has no pizzazz. My point: Fred's executive editorial comments should have a better title.

What do you think? Let's submit some suggestions.

David Klinger

[Editors Note: Suggestions to rename TWIRR would be a great idea. I'll look forward to submissions]

Dear Editor,

This is interesting:

[http://cgi.ebay.com/RARE-MINT-1968-1970-VIETNAM-BLANK-CHECK-SAIGON\\_W0QQitemZ390019037154QQcategoryZ36064QQcmdZViewItem](http://cgi.ebay.com/RARE-MINT-1968-1970-VIETNAM-BLANK-CHECK-SAIGON_W0QQitemZ390019037154QQcategoryZ36064QQcmdZViewItem)

Herb Friedman

Dear Editor,

My plans were to fly out of Bangkok on December 15 but the PAD demonstrators there cancelled my plans and I had to rebook on a later flight out of Viet Nam. I was Wait-Listed for my Business Class seat from Hong Kong to Chicago but I had them for the other two legs.

When I got to Hong Kong, I quickly discovered they had oversold the flight by 55 seats and I had to sit in Economy. Americans were coming out of the depths of Asia and headed home for the holidays!

Saturday afternoon, I was standing in the back of a 747's LONG Immigrations Processing line at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, when an Immigrations Officer was started yelling out for all military to come out of the line, and they were quickly processed thorough a much shorter line.

After a LONG wait in line, I was being processed and the officer looked at my short haircut. He asked me

if I was former military and I said "Master Sergeant, US Army Retired" and I pulled out my MPC Fest coin to show him. He asked if I had heard the officer asking for all military to come out of the line. I replied "Yes...but I thought it was only active duty." He said, "It was for active and retired coming home for the holidays," marked my Customs Form with a large "M," and said "Welcome Home." Before I could explain the MPC Fest coin, he yelled out "Next" and I was on my way.

When I got to Customs with \$1165. declared on my form.

The officer looked at it, flipped over the card and saw the large "M" and told me "Welcome Home" and pointed to the exit. I really, really, really, really Immigrations and Customs hiring many, many, many retired military!

The Master Sergeant Daniel back in the USA

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Andy Dickes

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Civil War through Vietnam - in brass, aluminum and  
other metals; also want PX and NCO chits. Will trade  
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M/Sgt Ray Bows, USA ret.  
PO Box 1865, New Smyrna, FLA  
386-566-2089  
namlore@hotmail.com  
Thanks,  
In Brotherhood,  
Ray

WANTED

I need the following 8 notes to complete positions  
number sets 681 \$10.00 and 681 \$20.00 in F/VF & up.  
Prefer nice clean notes no damage for exhibiting  
purposes.

681 \$10.00 #'s 8, 24, 39, 44

681 \$20.00 #'s 3, 31, 49, 50

Also looking for the same for 472 \$10.00 position  
numbers, 1, 5, 10, 26, 33, 36, 40, 41, 42, 43, 48,  
49.

Have other MPC, foreign, lotterite tickets and many  
other various items for trade or outright purchase.

Harold Kroll

Harbons@aol.com

251-406-3008

#### WANTED

I am interested in purchasing the following Japan  
Occupation 10 centavo notes for the Philippines  
PA, PC, PE, PF, PG, PH, PI, PJ, PM, PN, PO, PP  
PAL, PAM, PAN, PAP, PAQ, PAR, PAU, PAV, PAW, PAX, PAY,  
PAZ Any PB\_

If you have any of these or other Japan Occupation  
notes from the Philippines, please notify me at  
rpapagno@aol.com

Thanks,

Bob Papagno

#### WANTED

US dollar WW2 Propaganda SB page 397.

SB 406 \$ 2

SB 411 \$10

SB 412 \$10

Will pay FRN's, MPC, AMC, MPC training notes, MFC or?

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## So Where Is Everybody?

by Roger Urce

A couple of weeks ago we asked Gram subscribers to write in and tell us where they lived. Rich Balaton wrote to say he was from Massachusetts. Robert Drew lives in New Hampshire and James Vrba is a Missouri resident. Other responses (see Mail Call) told us Gramsters live in Australia, Viet Nam and Papua New Guinea. Is that it? We know we have subscribers in New York, Ohio, Indiana (Joe Boling), Alabama (Harold Kroll), Texas (Larry Smulczenski), California (Ed Beaman, Al Glaser, David Klinger and others), Louisiana (Doug Bell), New Jersey (the Hardy Brothers) and Iowa (Steve Feller), New Mexico (Warner Talso). That's only thirteen states. Now is it possible we have no subscribers in the other thirty-seven? Are there and subscribers who need to remain incognito? Have any of you ever played the license plate game while on a long road trip with the kids? The point is to try and find a car with license plates from all fifty states (Hawaii and Alaska are the toughest). That's what we are trying to do here. So play along and those of you from the other 37 write in. I would ask the same from all of you living outside the US. We must have readers in other countries other than Australia.

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### CHAMPIONSHIP QUESTION CORNER

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The five dollar note of MPC Series 681 features a Sailor. What is his rank and rating?

Answer next time.

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### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTION

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Who was the only President to be awarded the Medal Of Honor? Who was the President who authorized this award?

#### ANSWER:

Theodore Roosevelt received the MOH for San Juan Hill if I'm not mistaken. The MOH may have been authorized by Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War.  
Larry Gibbs

ANSWER:

Answer Teddy Roosevelt by Bill Clinton  
Bill & Kathy Myers

ANSWER:

Teddy Roosevelt, authorized by George W. Bush?  
Steve Jinks

ANSWER:

Teddy Roosevelt was awarded the Medal of Honor. Since  
it was in 1898, I would assume it was awarded by  
President McKinley.  
Ken Berger

ANSWER:

Theodore Roosevelt was the first President to receive  
the Medal Of Honor. Believe it or not, it was just on  
the TV this weekend. But it wasn't issued till years  
later. Issued Jan 16, 2001 by Bill Clinton.  
Wes Hardy

The correct answer is:  
President Teddy Roosevelt  
President Bill Clinton

Roosevelt was recommended for the Medal of Honor for  
his action in Cuba in 1898, but was it was not  
authorized at the time "for political reasons". It was  
Clinton, (who long admired TR's life)  
who authorized the award on 16 January, 2001.  
See the link below for a complete story:

<http://www.theodoreroosevelt.org/life/MedalofHonor%20Quest.htm>

Thanks to Dave Klinger for the submission.

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EDITORIAL

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It's been a little over a year since I became Gram  
Editor and during that time we have received kind  
words and thanks for sending out the Gram, if not on a  
daily basis, at least on a semi-regular schedule.  
This happens because we get articles to publish,  
questions to be answered and comments from readers.  
In the next twelve months, we hope to continue to  
publish Grams at least as frequently as we do at  
present. Perhaps we can get them out more often, I  
hope so.

With this final Gram for 2008, let me wish you all a  
Happy, safe and healthy New Year and may all your  
collections get a better.

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Mail Call: Send mail to mpcgram@yahoo.com  
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Dear Editor,  
The Stacks January 15-17th 2009 auction at  
www.Stacks.com has lot 2769 with some Concentration  
Camp and POW pieces; 2270 with AMC Russian 1000 Marks;  
and 2271 with Korean MPC coupon Series 4 25 Cents.  
The Master Sergeant Daniel back in the USA

Dear Editor and Friends,  
This is Steve Feller reporting in from Israel. Just  
arrived here for two weeks of giving talks on physics  
of glass. I am in Tel Aviv --so far can't tell  
anything about the new war here. Today I go to Beer  
Sheva where I will be at Ben Gurion Univ. Security  
is tight.  
Steve Feller  
[Dear Steve, keep your head down! - Ed.]

Dear Editor,  
So much money for a sheet of cloth money!!!

And here's tip Use [www.tinyurl.com](http://www.tinyurl.com) to create a tiny  
URL instead of the horrendous URL  
[http://currency.ha.com/common/view\\_item.php?Sale\\_No=3504&Lot\\_No=13765&Lot  
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has a length of 97 characters and resulted in the  
following TinyURL which has a length of 25 characters:

<http://tinyurl.com/7wpa6g>  
Nick Schrier

Dear Editor,  
Re overseas recipients of the Gram, I am proud to  
advise that in Australia, Western Australia in my  
case, we have at least three or four, hopefully more,  
members who happily welcome receiving the GRAM.  
Step forward Australian members who receive this, and  
all other recipients outside of the U.S.  
Keep up the good work on a great publication.  
I hope to be able to contribute more in the future.  
Brent Arthurson  
IBNS 5269

Dear Editor,

I remember someone asking about which countries around the world the Gram is received. Since I list my home of record now in the USA and Viet Nam, can both those countries be listed for me? I am not sure if Quoc is receiving the Gram but if he is not, send it to him at SaigonCoin@cs.com because he also lives in the USA and Viet Nam. And I just traded some emails with Don Cleveland. He is normally in Australia but now working in Papua New Guinea! The PNG has got to be the most exotic address to put in the Gram address book!

The Master Sergeant Daniel

Dear Editor,

Happy New Year! Thanks for all the great info in '08  
J J Sullivan

Dear Editor,

Add my name to fest X. I just signed up.  
Gary(?4's)Hicks

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POST / BASE EXCHANGE(PX/BX/NEX)  
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Dump your dupes! Your classified advertisement for items for sale, purchase or trade will be run here for free. Send your ads to the Gram.  
This service is for everyone, most humble dealer or most advanced collector. The point is to make the gram more interesting. In all cases confirm your order via email first. Ads will run for approximately two weeks.

#### STAMPS FROM WWII PERIOD

Lot #1 - Vichy France 21 MNH stamps (416, 447, 467-470, B103, B108, B109, B111-B114, B130-B134, B175-B177) Catalog \$31.90; Sell \$15.00

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Lot #3 - France 3 MNH stamps (492, B94, B95) Catalog \$12.00; Sell \$5.50

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(515-527, 529) Catalog \$4.50; Sell \$2.25

Lot #5 - Germany 8 stamps 6-MNH, 2-MH (B250,  
B252-B256, B252A, B271) Catalog \$2.80; Sell \$1.25

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All MNH

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Add 50 Cents postage.

Ron Waddell  
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WANTED SECTION:

Collectors may submit lists of items wanted for their  
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WANTED: Military tokens of all periods, Sutler, post  
trader, post canteen, Post Exchange, Red Cross  
Canteen, EM Club, NCO club, Officer Club,  
Civil War through Vietnam - in brass, aluminum and  
other metals; also want PX and NCO chits. Will trade  
or pay cash.

M/Sgt Ray Bows, USA ret.  
PO Box 1865, New Smyrna, FLA  
386-566-2089  
namlore@hotmail.com  
Thanks,  
In Brotherhood,  
Ray

WANTED

I need the following 8 notes to complete positions  
number sets 681 \$10.00 and 681 \$20.00 in F/VF & up.  
Prefer nice clean notes no damage for exhibiting  
purposes.

681 \$10.00 #'s 8, 24, 39, 44

681 \$20.00 #'s 3, 31, 49, 50

Also looking for the same for 472 \$10.00 position  
numbers, 1, 5, 10, 26, 33, 36, 40, 41, 42, 43, 48,  
49.

Have other MPC, foreign, lotterie tickets and many  
other various items for trade or outright purchase.

Harold Kroll

Harbons@aol.com

251-406-3008

#### WANTED

I am interested in purchasing the following Japan  
Occupation 10 centavo notes for the Philippines  
PA, PC, PE, PF, PG, PH, PI, PJ, PM, PN, PO, PP  
PAL, PAM, PAN, PAP, PAQ, PAR, PAU, PAV, PAW, PAX, PAY,  
PAZ Any PB\_

If you have any of these or other Japan Occupation  
notes from the Philippines, please notify me at  
rpapagno@aol.com

Thanks,

Bob Papagno

#### WANTED

US dollar WW2 Propaganda SB page 397.

SB 406 \$ 2

SB 411 \$10

SB 412 \$10

Will pay FRN's, MPC, AMC, MPC training notes, MFC or?

David Seelye

thempcman@verizon.net

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Bill and Kathy Myers, Ron Waddell, Jane and Warner  
Talso, Martha and Rob Stevenson, Howard A. Daniel III,  
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2009

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January 8(set-up) 9-11, 2009 - [www.nyinc.info](http://www.nyinc.info) -  
[kfoley2@wi.rr.com](mailto:kfoley2@wi.rr.com)

54th Annual FUN Convention, Orange County Convention  
Center, FL  
January 8-11, 2009 - [dwellerers@embarqmail.com](mailto:dwellerers@embarqmail.com)-  
MINIFEST - 1200 to 1300 hrs. Room 321 Sat 10 Jan 09



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Long Beach Coin Stamp and Collectibles Expo,  
Heritage Auction,  
February 5-7, 2009  
[www.longbeachexpo.com](http://www.longbeachexpo.com)

15th Chicago Pape Money Expo (CPMX), Rosemont, IL,  
March 5-8, 2009 admission charge  
Lyn Knight auction - possible minifest  
[www.cpmxshow.com](http://www.cpmxshow.com)

ANA National Money Show, Portland, OR  
March 13-15, 2009  
Bowers and Merena Auction - possible minifest  
[www.money.org](http://www.money.org)

Annual Money Show March 20, 21, 22, 2009  
Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center MN  
Contact Lee Quast - [amerishow@gmail.com](mailto:amerishow@gmail.com)

Baltimore Coin & Currency Convention  
March 26-28, 2009  
Boweres and Merena Auction  
[www.info@whitmanexpo.com](http://www.info@whitmanexpo.com)

"Maastricht"- Paper Money Fair - Maastricht ,  
Valkenburg, Netherlands April 3-5, 2009  
info: Jos F.M.Eijsermans - "Eijsermans Events" - phone  
0049-2821-71166-69 (Fax -71)  
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Santa Clara, CA Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Expo  
April 2-5, 2009  
Superior Auction  
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34th Chicago International Clin Fair (CICF), Rosemont,  
IL  
April 23-26, 2009 admission charge  
Ponterio & Associates Auction - possible minifest  
[www.cicfshow.com](http://www.cicfshow.com)

70th Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS),  
Cincinnati, OH  
April 29 - May 2, 2009  
Exhibits, Heritage Auction  
[www.centralstates.info](http://www.centralstates.info)

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May 28-30, 2009

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June 11-13, 2009  
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33rd International Paper Money Show (IPMS),  
Memphis, TN  
June 26-28, 2009  
Spink-Smythe Auction, Exhibits  
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June 25-28, 2009 - admission charge  
[www.midamericacoinexpo.com](http://www.midamericacoinexpo.com)

Florida United Numismatics (FUN) Summer Fun Show, West  
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